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THE HEDGEHOG™

IN YOUR FACE!



I'VE ALWAYS SAID SONIC HAS A *BIG MOUTH*-- BUT THAT'S RIDICULOUS!

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Sally

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THE HEDGEHOG

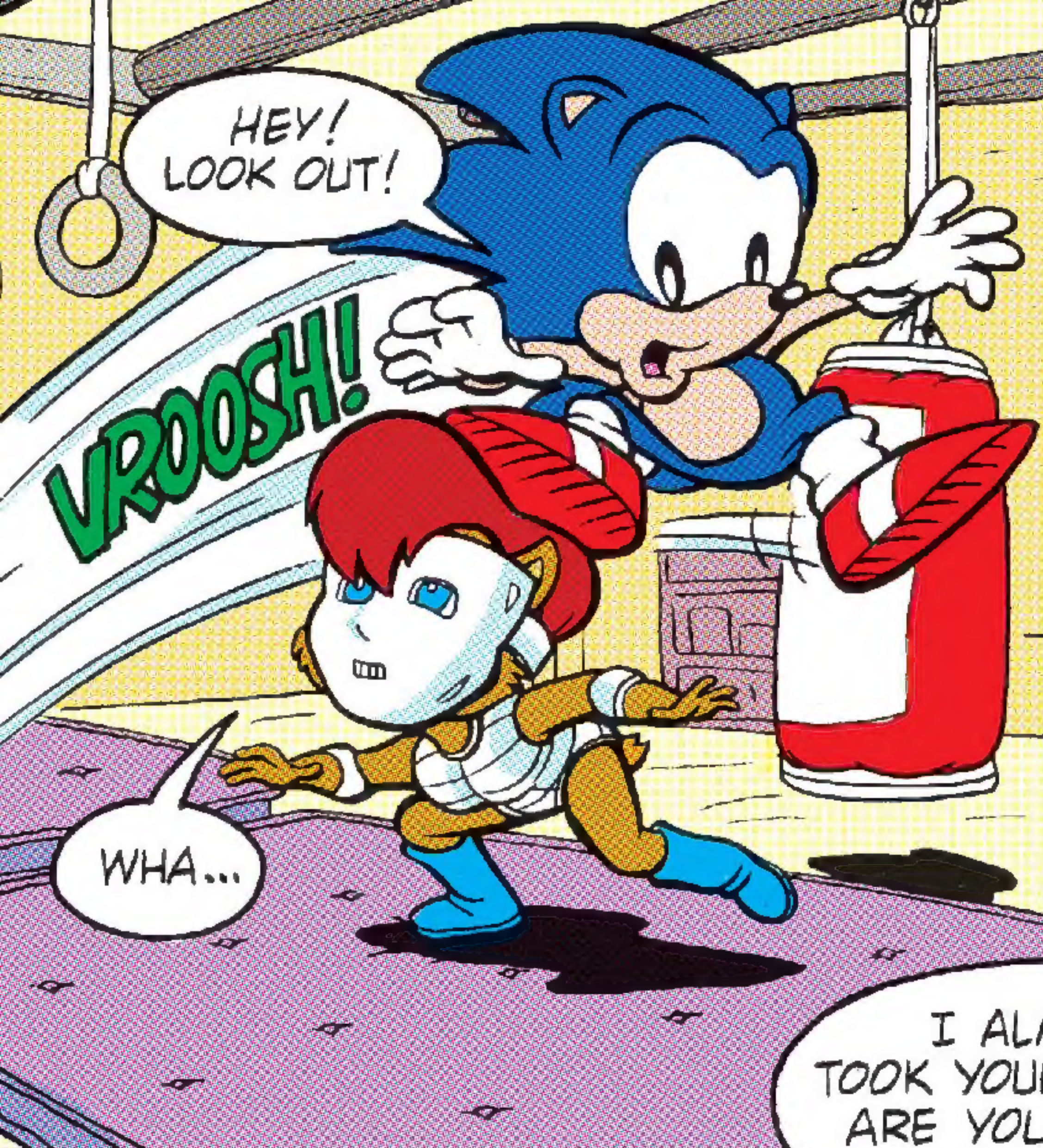
HEADS UP,
INTRUDER! I'M
SPRINGING
AHEAD...

SPRONG!

...AND YOU'RE
GOING TO BE FALLING
BACKWARD!

THE QUEST

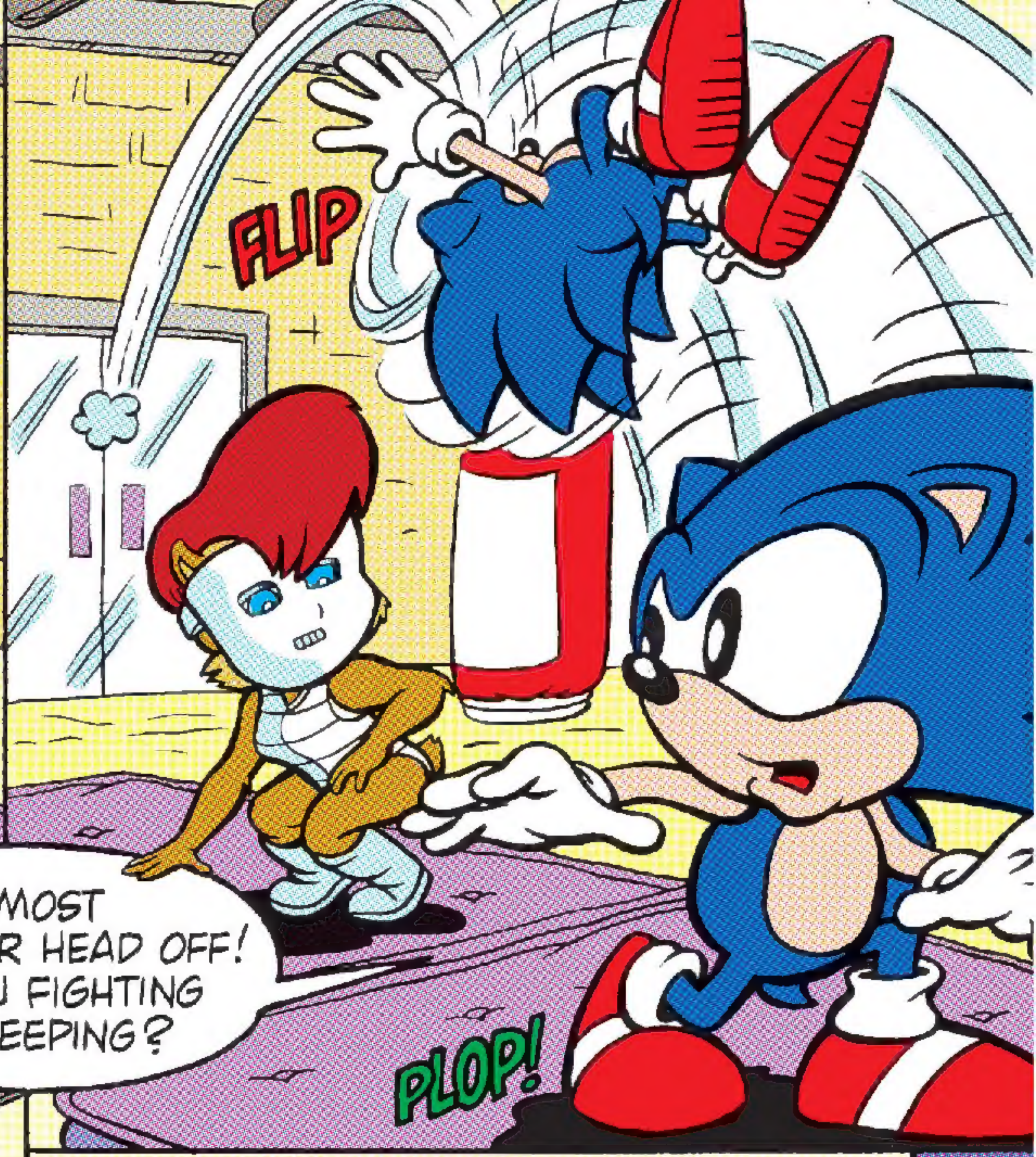
PRINCESS SALLY'S CRUSADE: CONCLUSION!



HEY!
LOOK OUT!

VROOSH!

WHA...



FLIP

PLOP!

I ALMOST
TOOK YOUR HEAD OFF!
ARE YOU FIGHTING
OR SLEEPING?

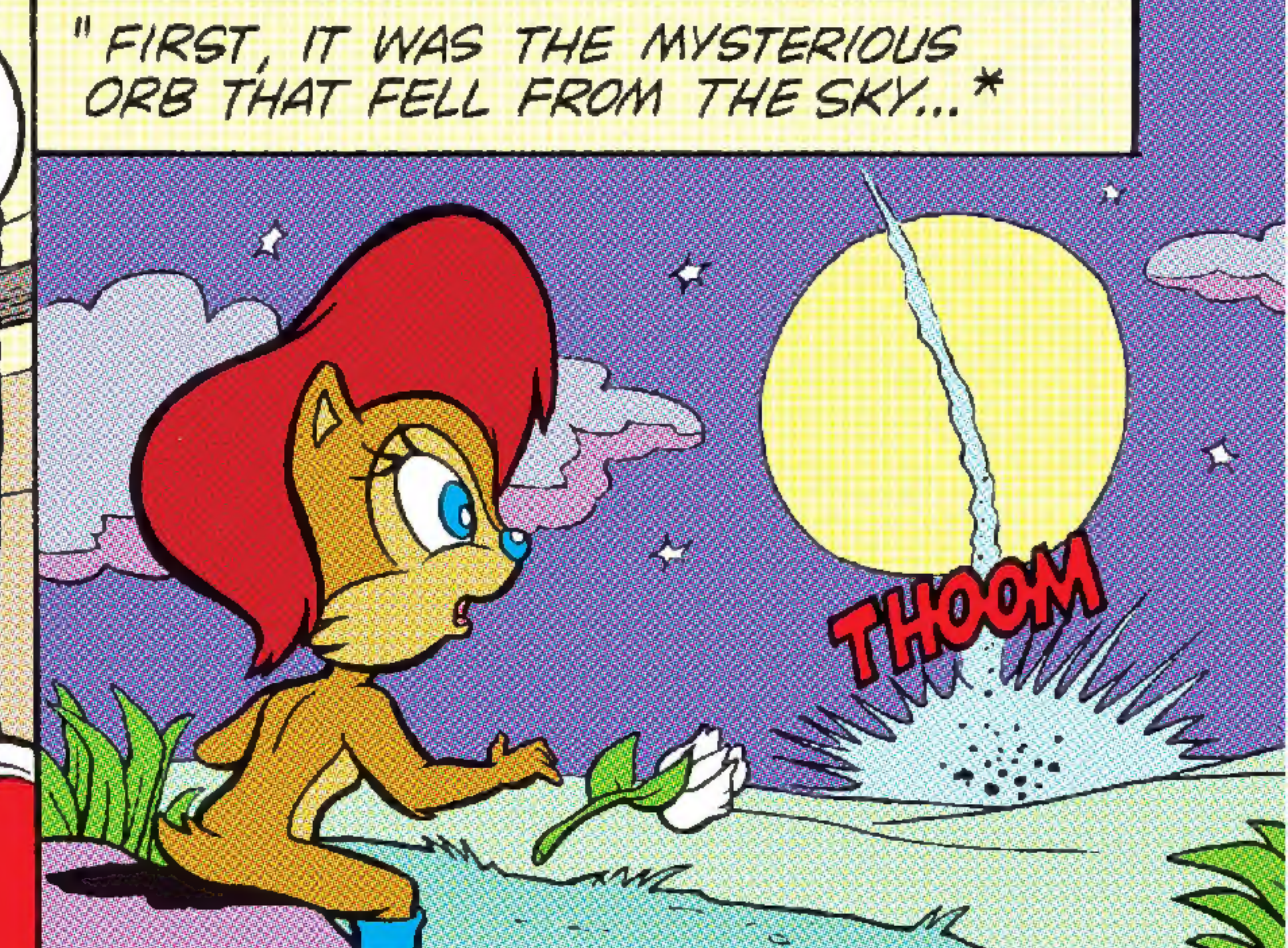


HUH?

OH! SORRY,
SONIC!

IT'S JUST
THAT MY
THOUGHTS HAVE
BEEN...

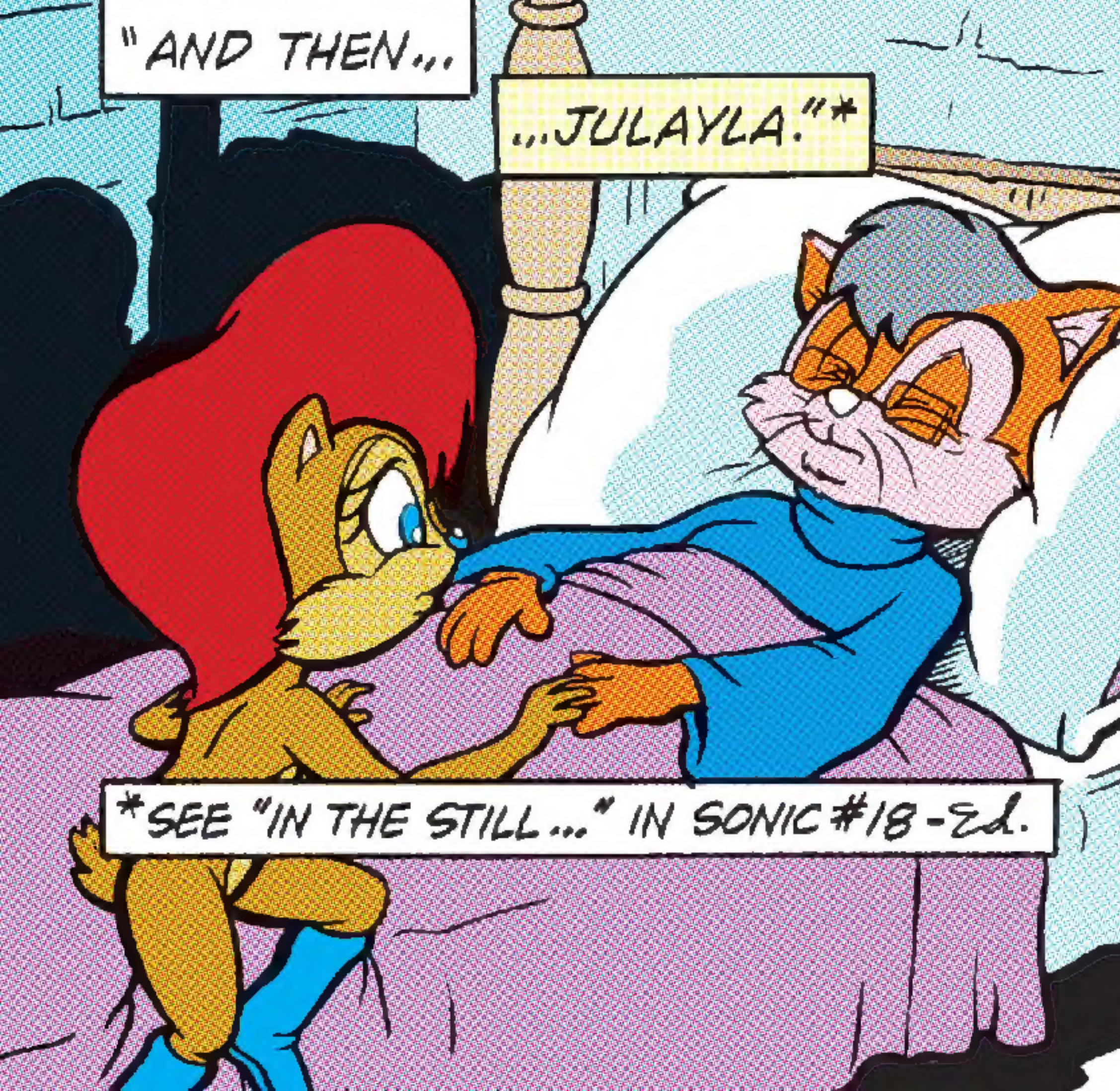
...ELSEWHERE.



"FIRST, IT WAS THE MYSTERIOUS
ORB THAT FELL FROM THE SKY..."

THOOM

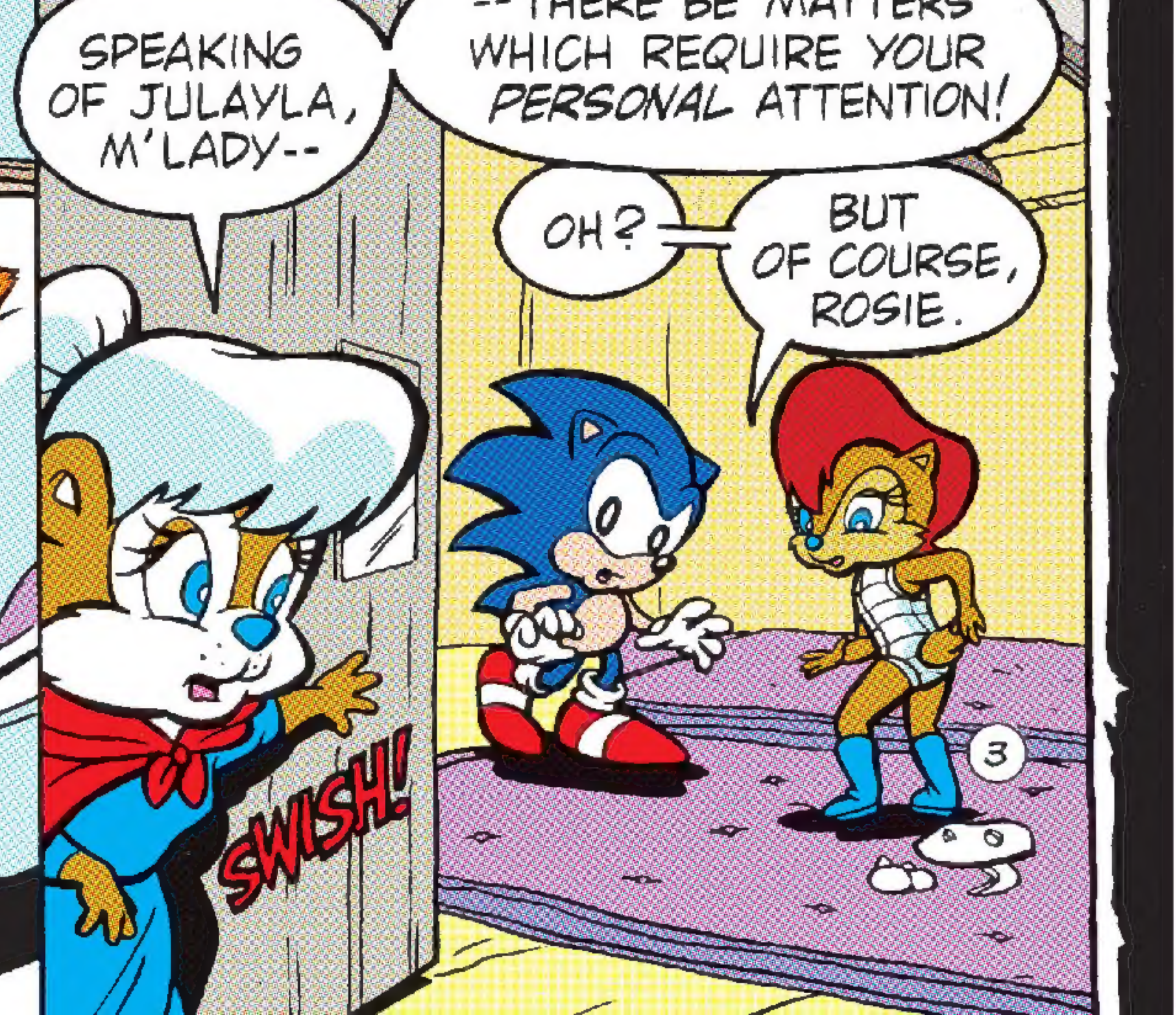
*SEE "FIRST STAR..." IN SONIC #17 - Editor



"AND THEN..."

...JULAYLA.*

*SEE "IN THE STILL..." IN SONIC #18 - Ed.



SPEAKING
OF JULAYLA,
M'LADY--

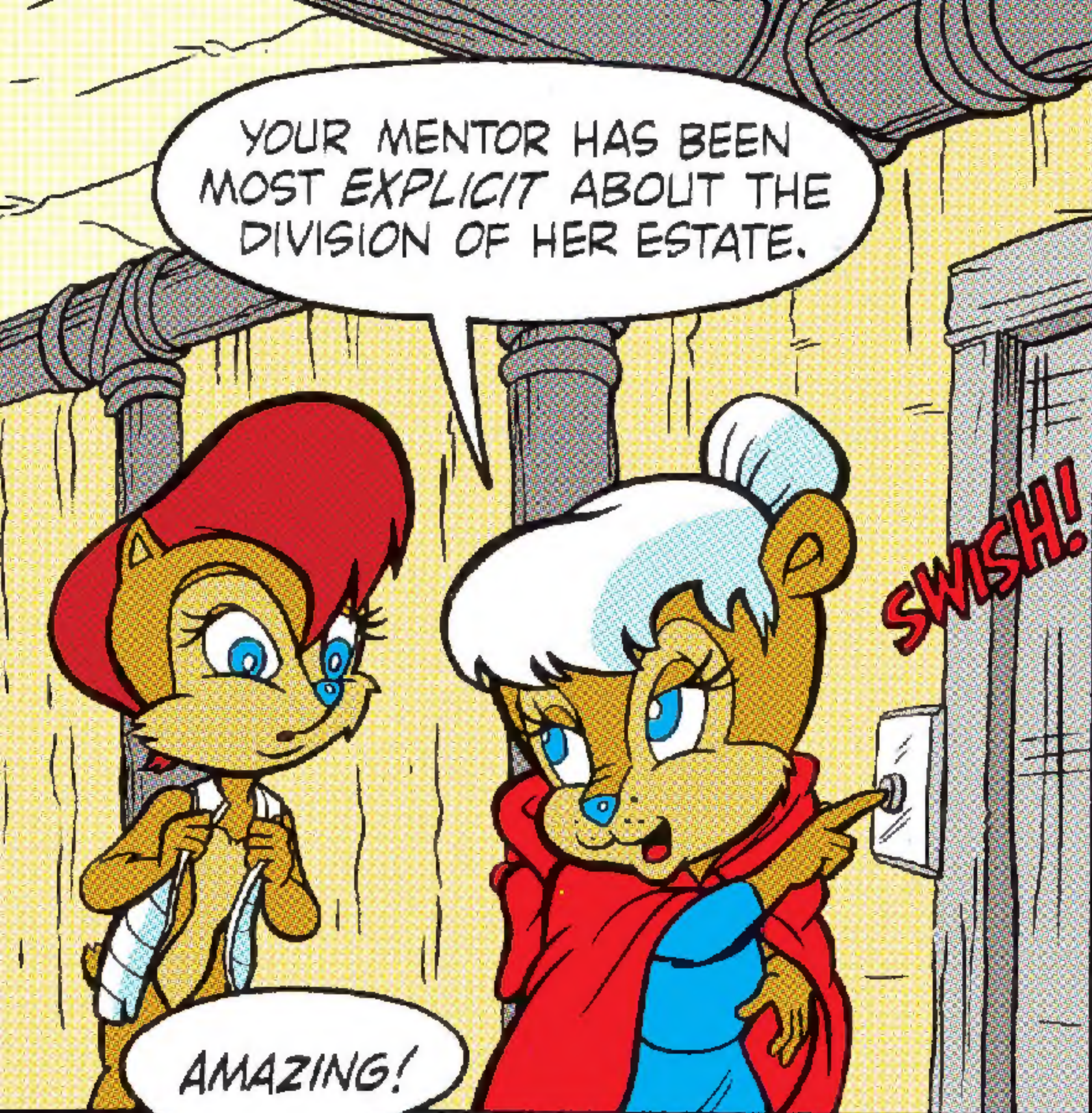
--THERE BE MATTERS
WHICH REQUIRE YOUR
PERSONAL ATTENTION!

OH?

BUT
OF COURSE,
ROSIE.

SWISH!

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YOUR MENTOR HAS BEEN MOST EXPLICIT ABOUT THE DIVISION OF HER ESTATE.

SWISH!

AMAZING!



ALL THAT SHE OWNED-- LOCK, STOCK AND BARREL-- SHE LEFT TO YOU!

THANK YOU, ROSIE!

I'LL BE HERE IF ANYONE NEEDS ME.



... THAT A PERSON COULD GATHER SO MANY MATERIAL GOODS IN A LIFETIME...

OH MY.

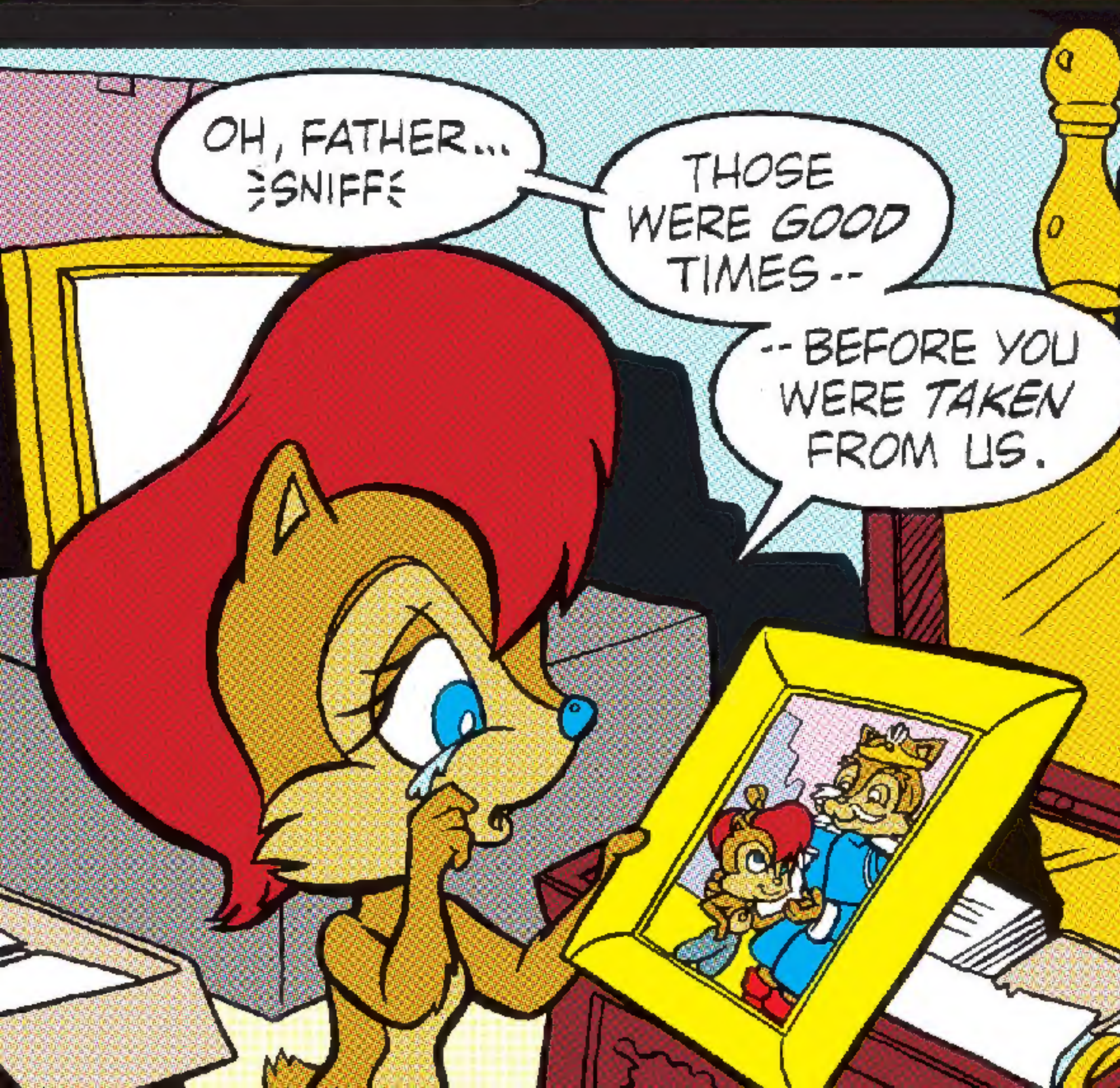
JULAYLA'S HOPE CHEST.

SHE MEANT FOR ME TO HAVE IT ON MY WEDDING DAY.



WHAT A HANDSOME VEST! I ALWAYS WANTED POCKETS!

I WONDER WHAT OTHER TREASURES ARE INSIDE?



OH, FATHER... *SNIFF*

THOSE WERE GOOD TIMES --

-- BEFORE YOU WERE TAKEN FROM US.



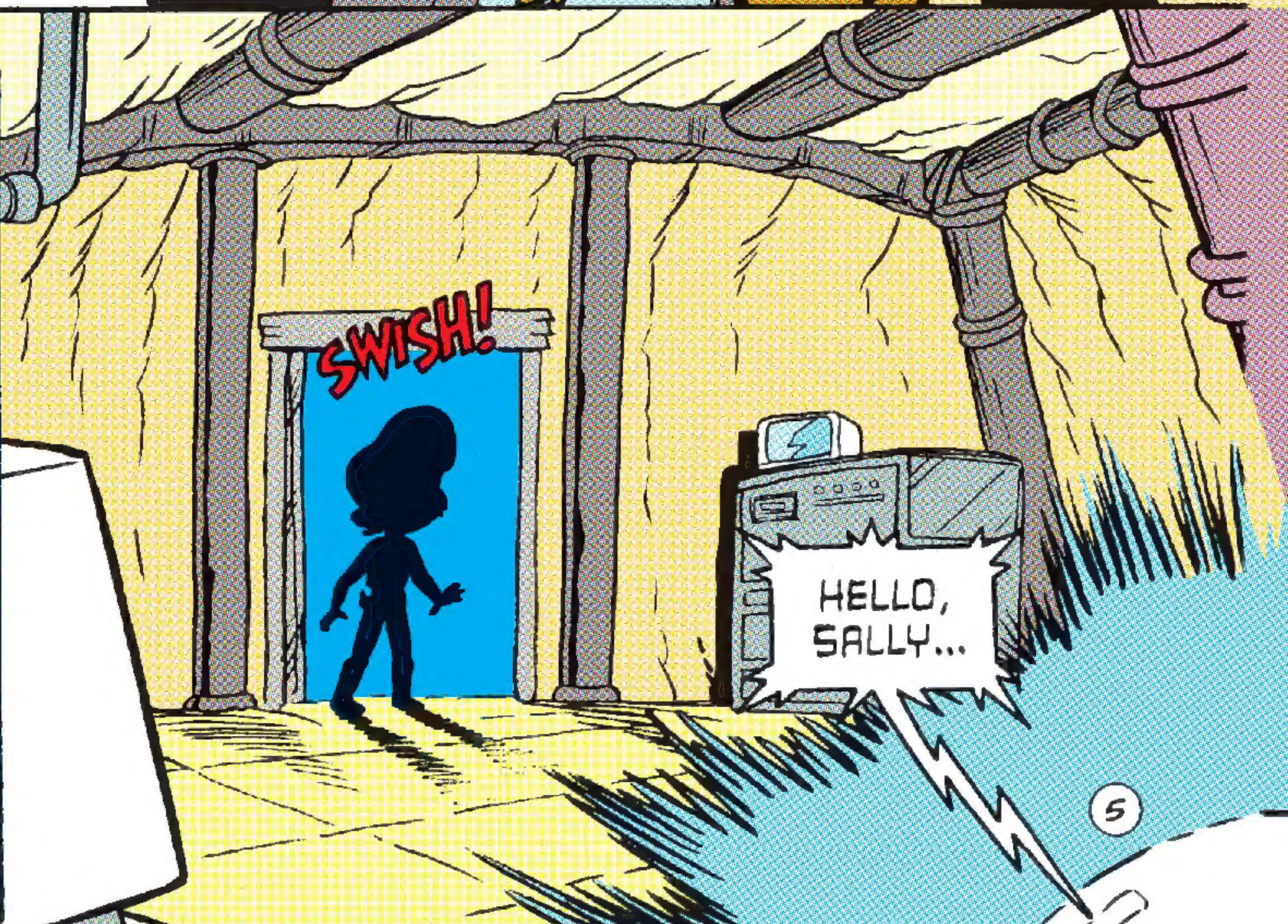
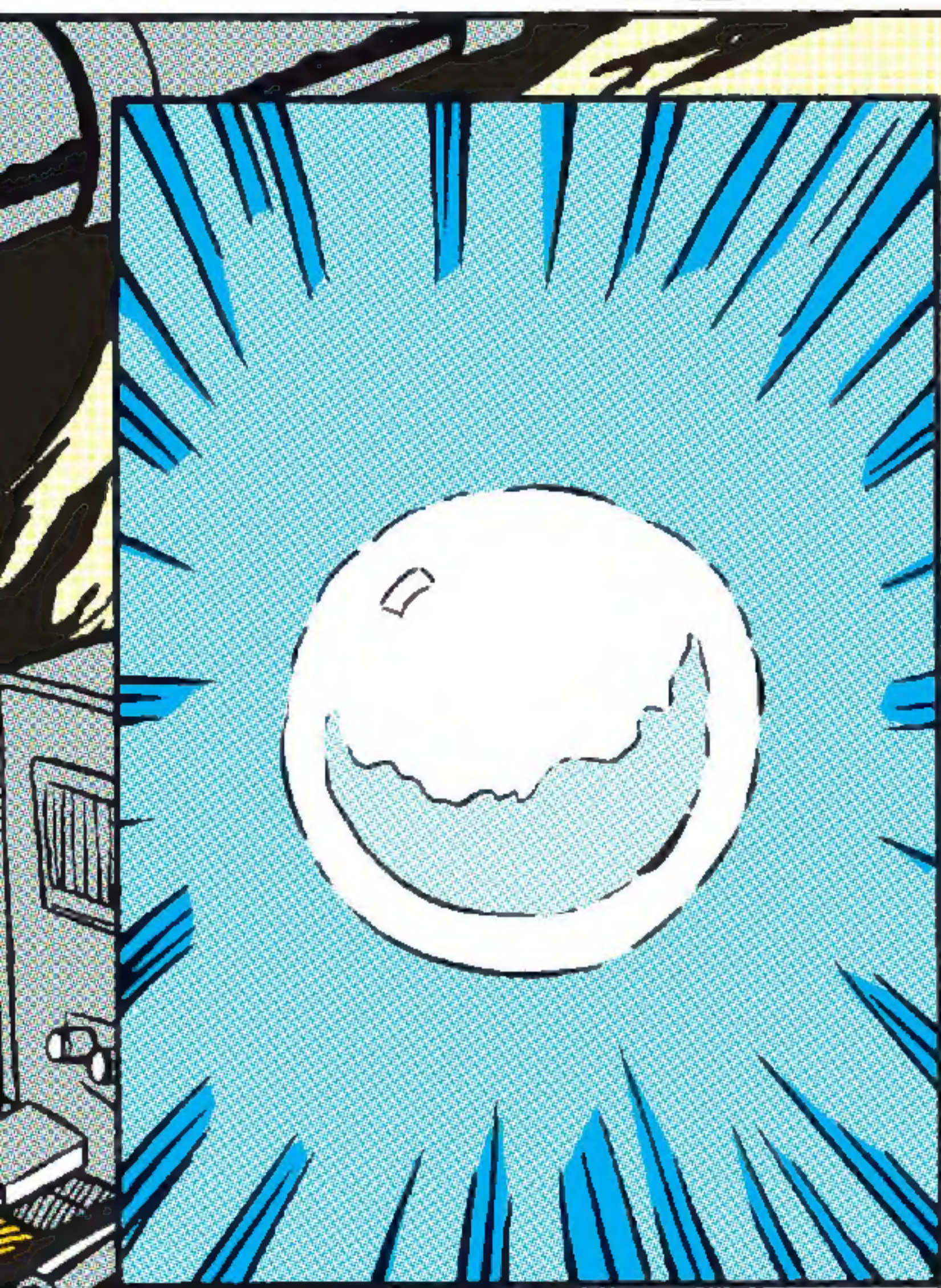
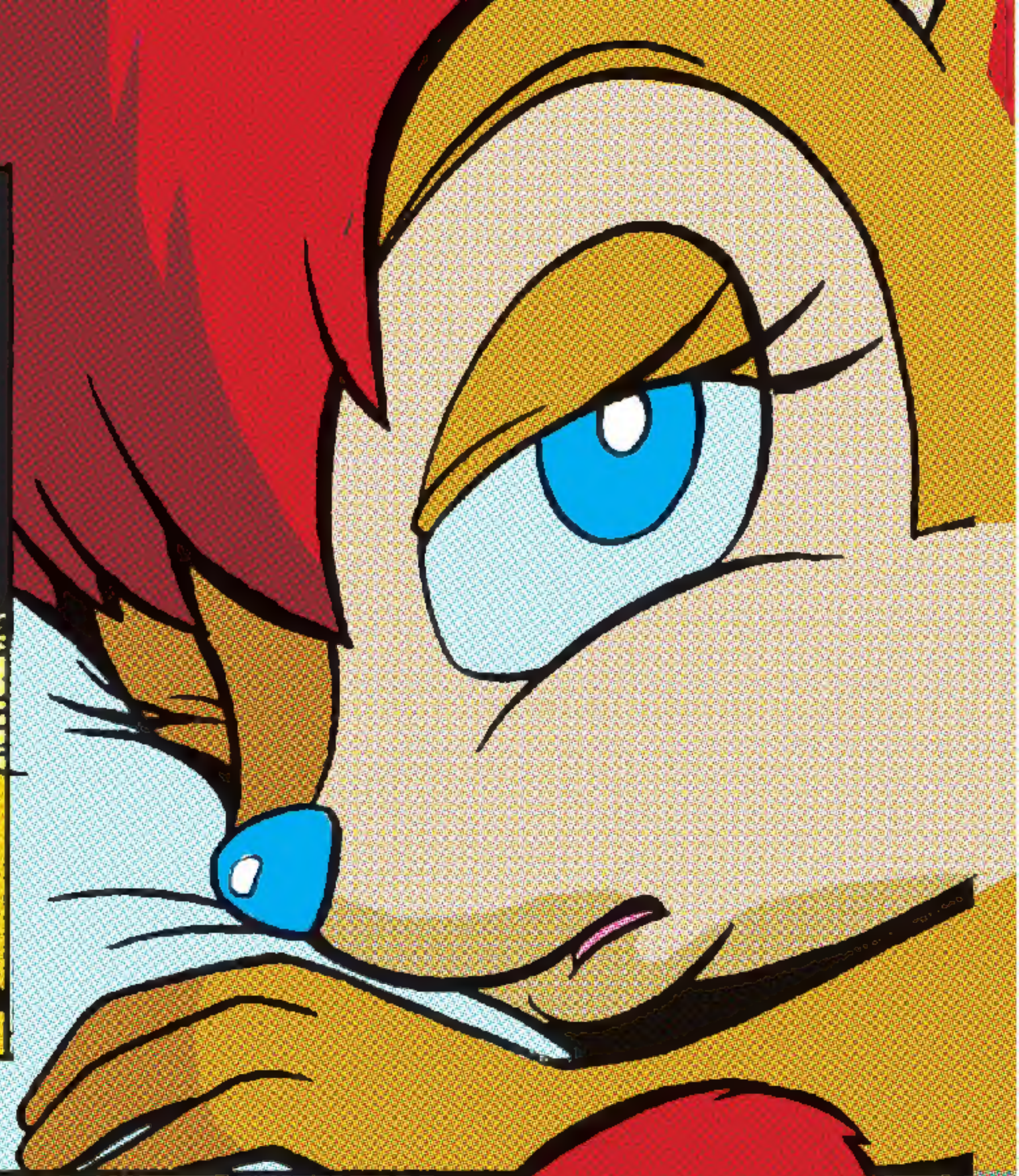
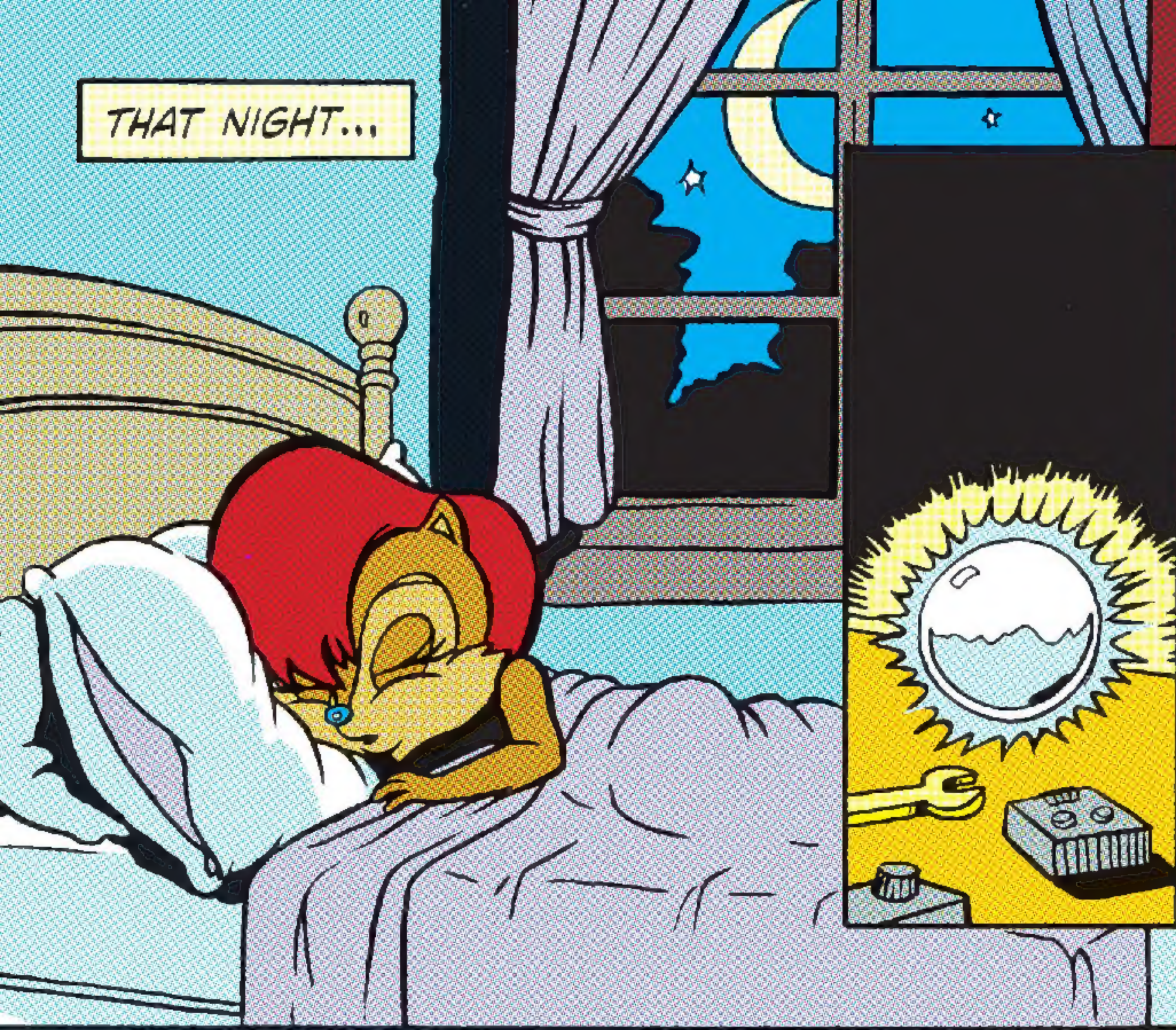
A MAP.

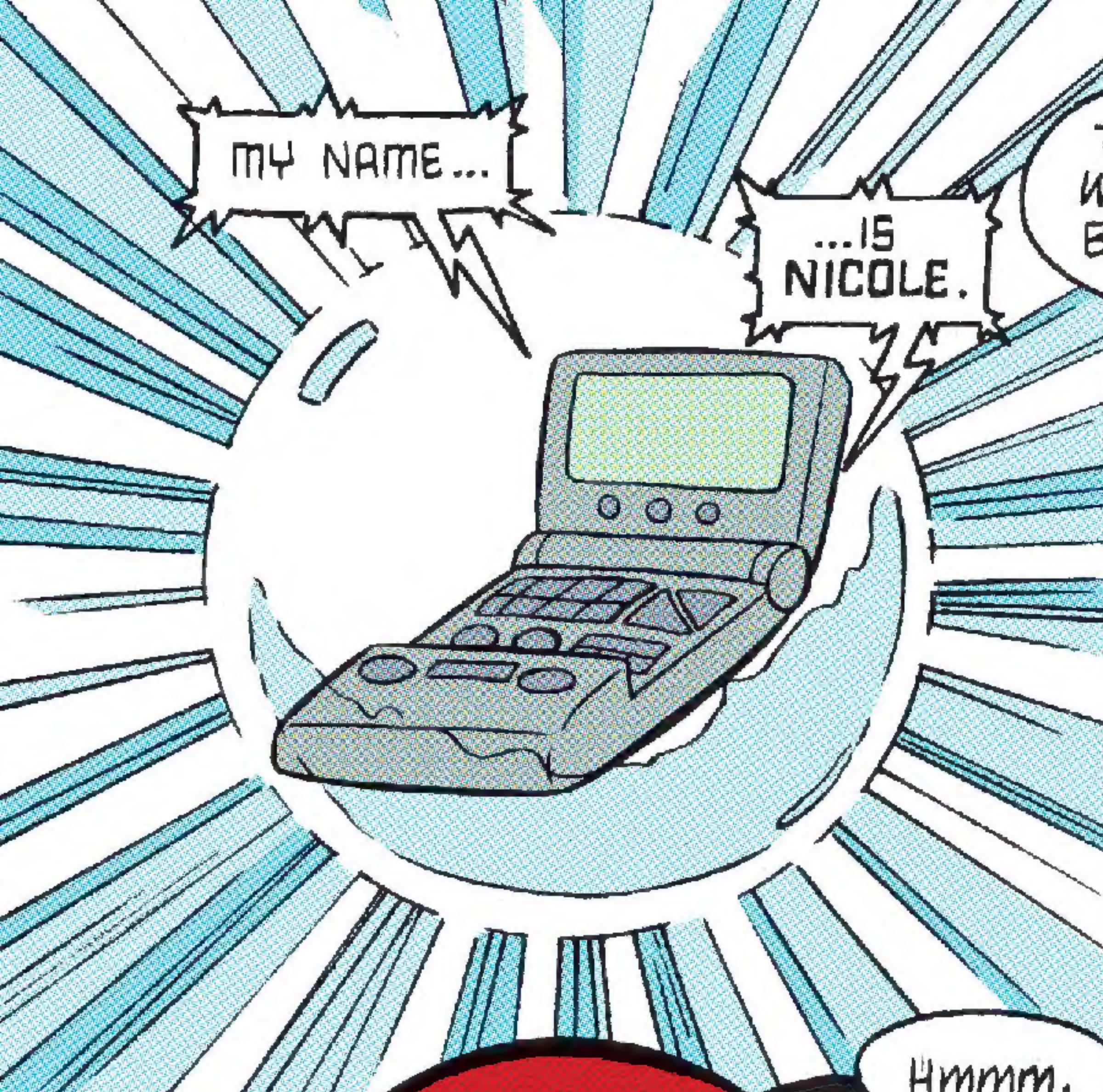
WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED IF ... IF ...

THIS IS ALL TOO MUCH FOR ONE DAY!

I'LL FINISH TOMORROW!

THAT NIGHT...





MY NAME...

...IS NICOLE.

THAT TELLS ME WHO YOU ARE-- BUT NOT WHAT!

I WOULD BE YOUR FRIEND...

... BUT THAT IS A CHOICE ONLY YOU CAN MAKE.

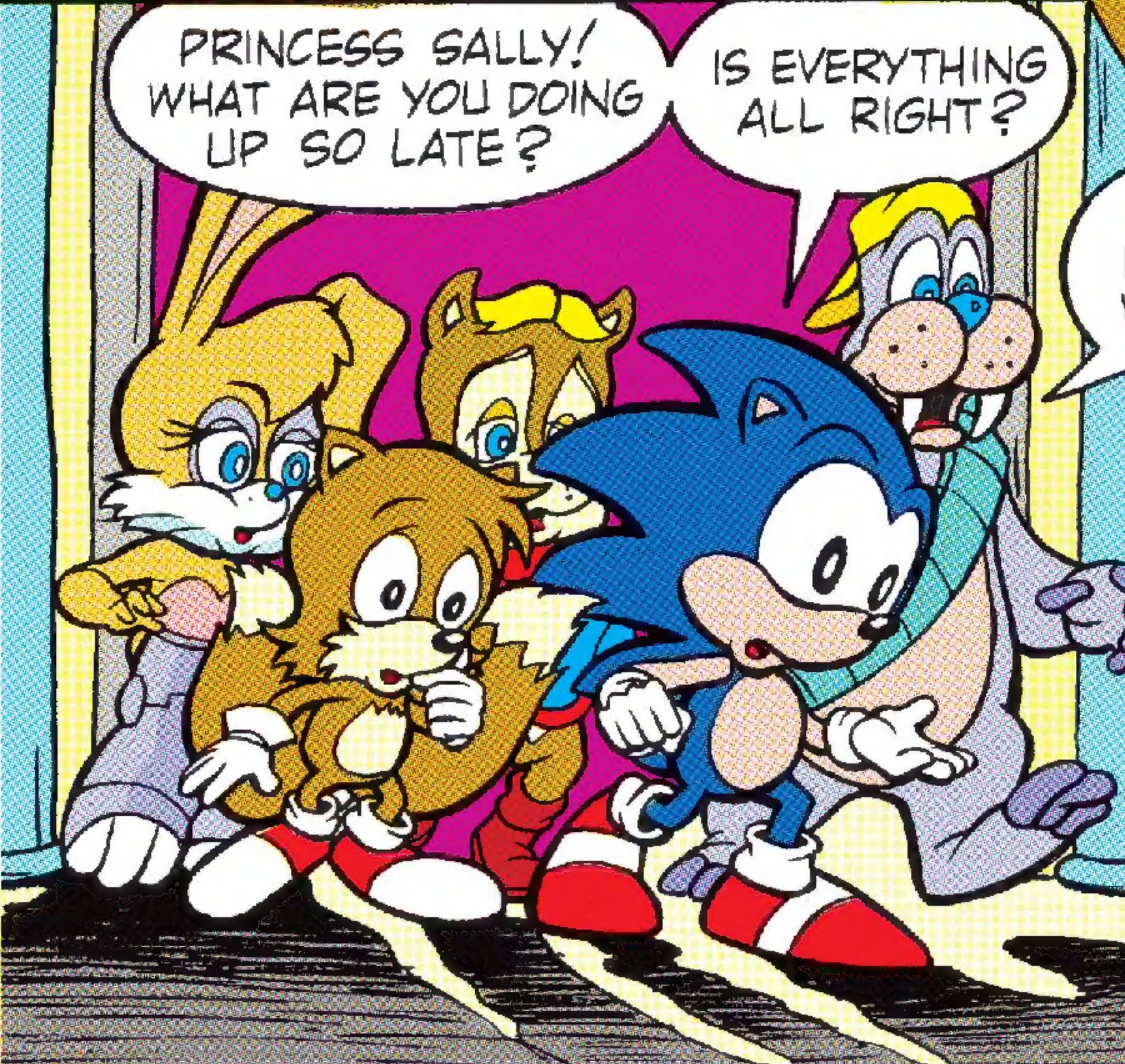
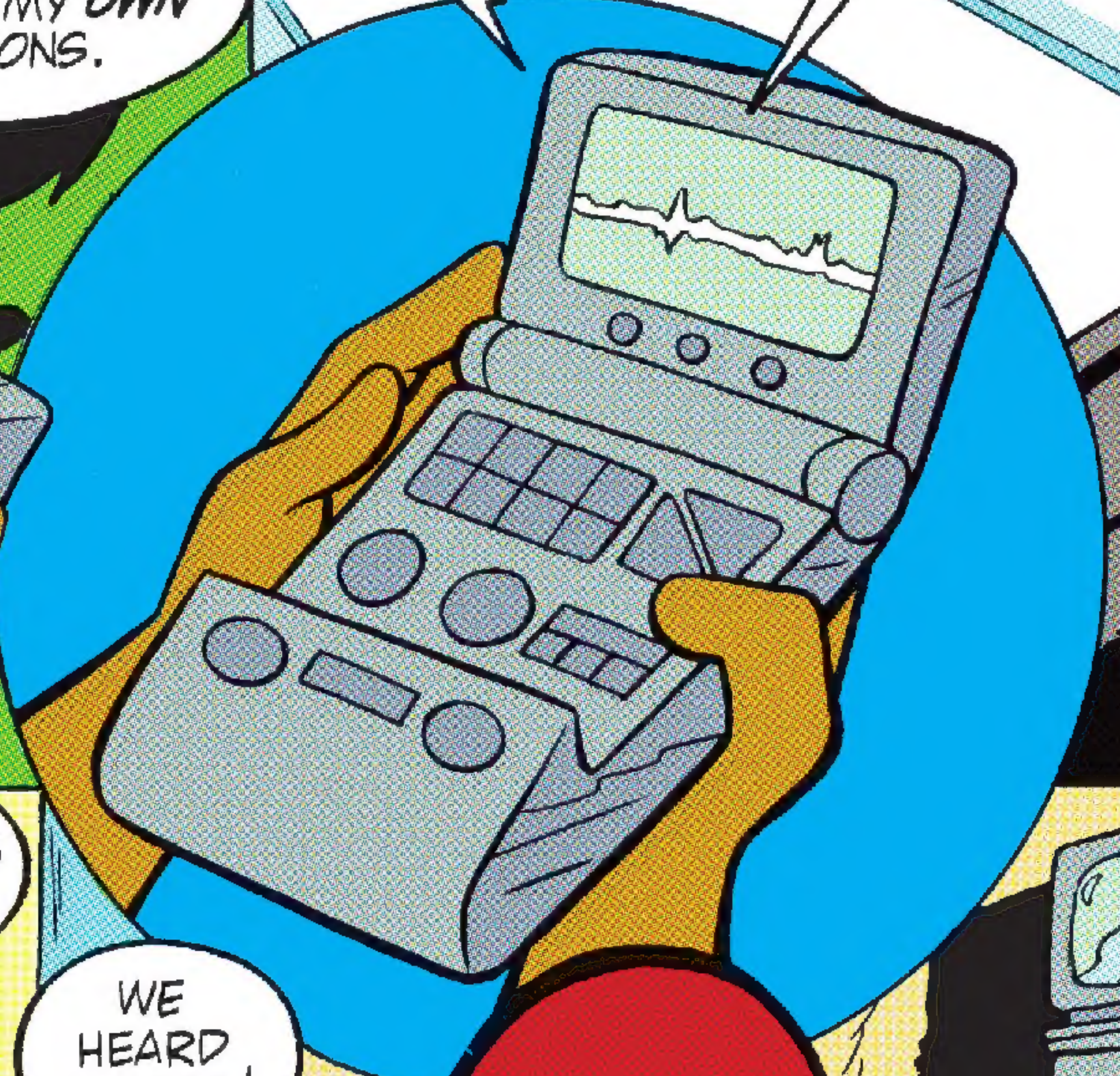


Hmmm.

YOU REMIND ME VERY MUCH OF SOMEONE ELSE WHO ALWAYS ENCOURAGED ME TO MAKE MY OWN DECISIONS.

THANK YOU.

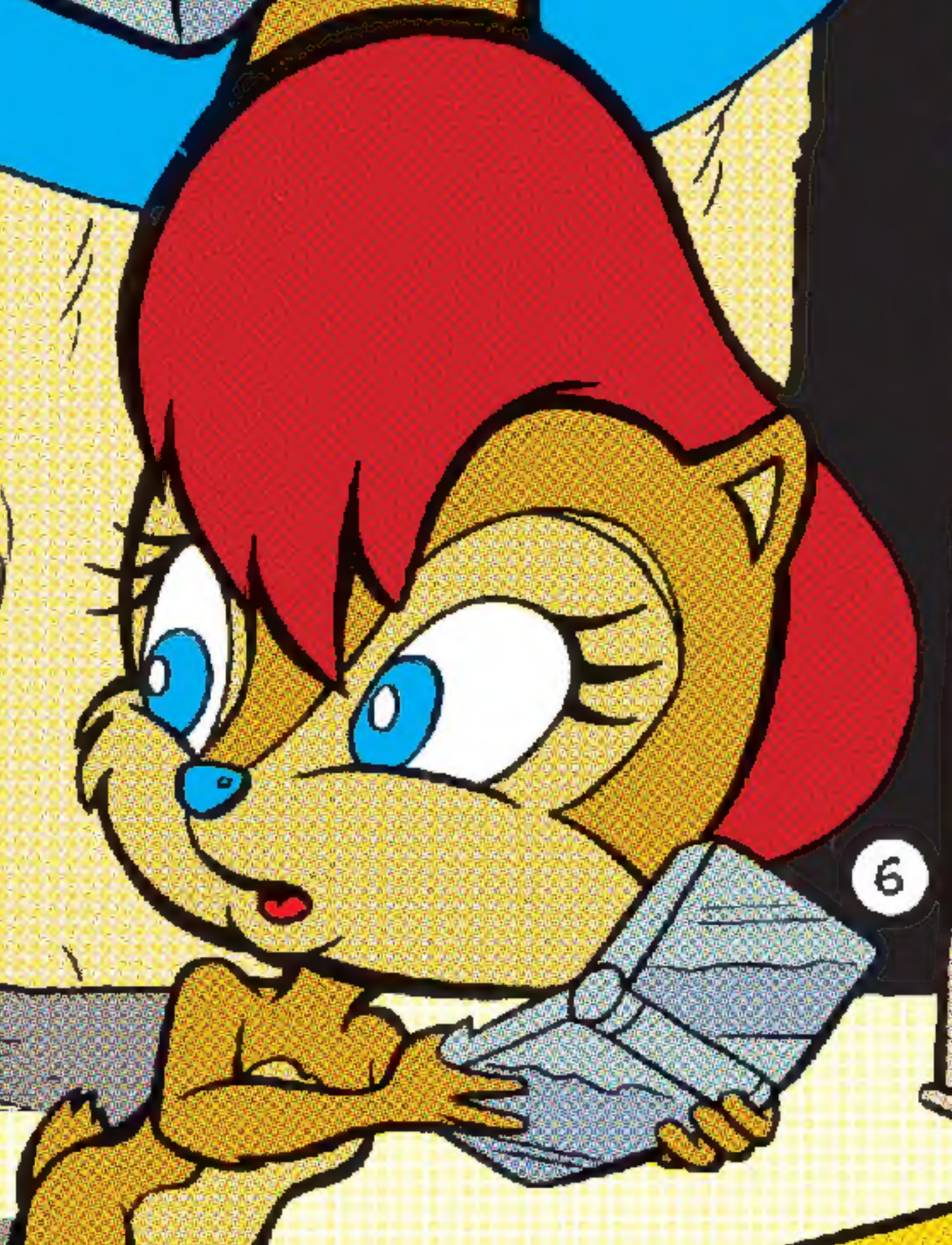
A HIGHER COMPLIMENT I COULD SCARCELY IMAGINE.



PRINCESS SALLY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP SO LATE?

IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?

WE HEARD VOICES!





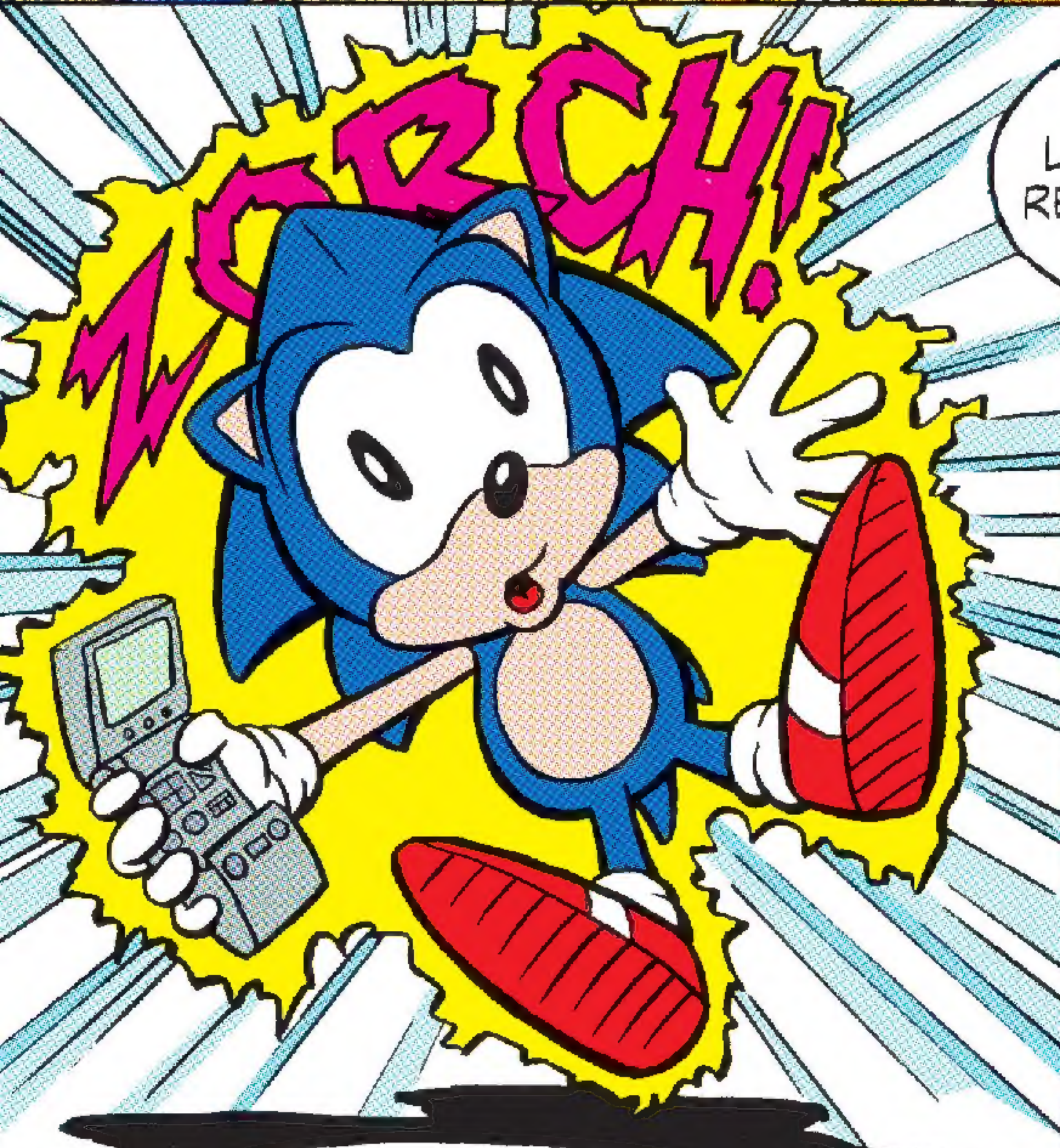
WHO HAVE YOU BEEN TALKING TO, SAL?

I'M NOT SURE

YOU TELL ME!



SHAKE!
SHAKE!
SHAKE!



CRASH!

WOAH!
LITTLE SUCKER
REALLY PACKS A
WALLOP!



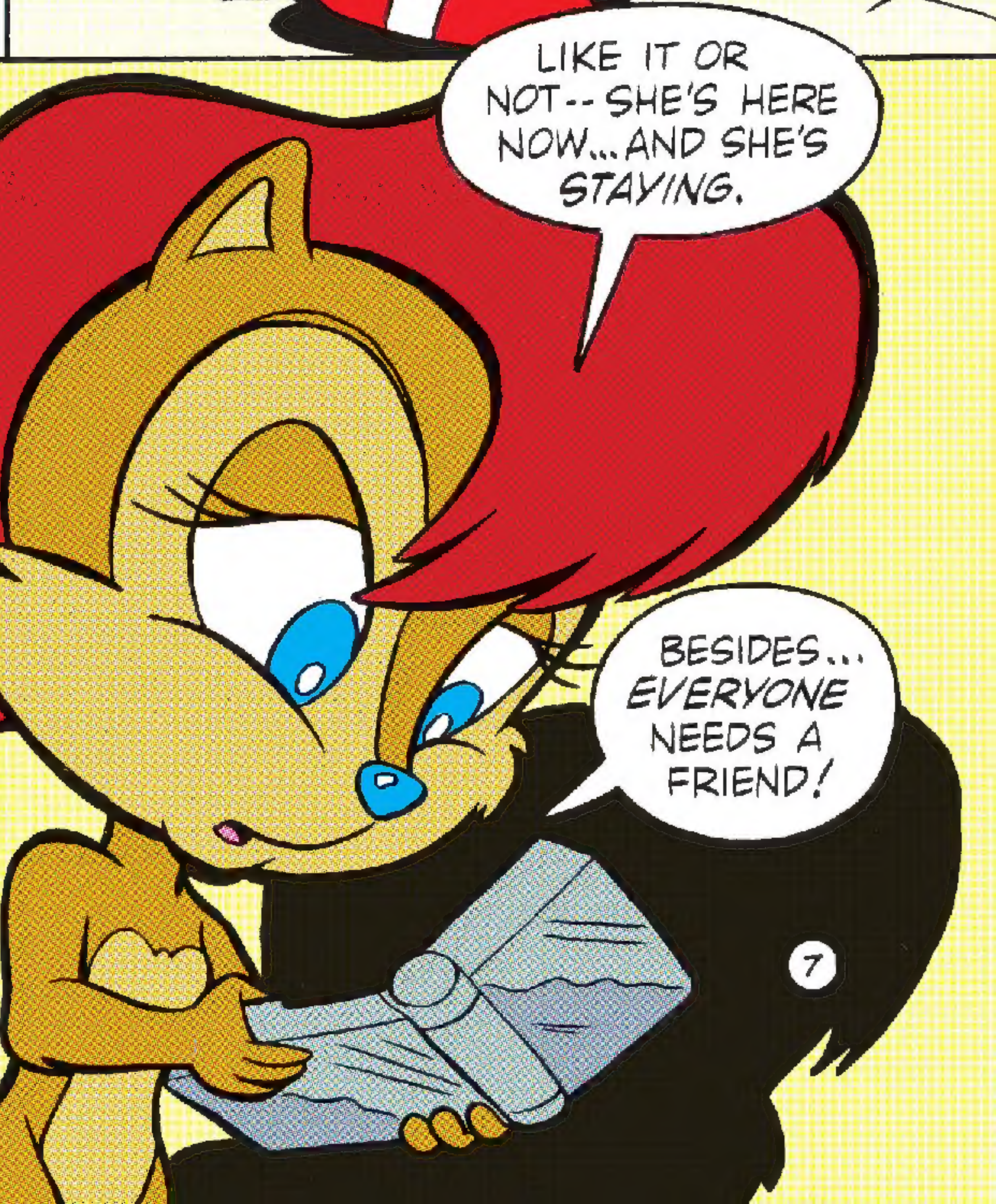
THAT WASN'T VERY NICE, NICOLE!

NEITHER WAS NEARLY SHAKING ME TO PIECES!



THAT GADGET IS MORE TROUBLE THAN IT'S WORTH. I SAY GET RID OF IT!

NO...



LIKE IT OR NOT-- SHE'S HERE NOW... AND SHE'S STAYING.

BESIDES... EVERYONE NEEDS A FRIEND!

SUNSET, THE FOLLOWING DAY...

JULAYLA'S FINAL TESTAMENT CLAIMED THAT ALL I NEED TO ATTAIN ONENESS OF THE SOUL IS LOCKED WITHIN THE DARKNESS OF THE FORBIDDEN ZONE...

... A PLACE WHERE EVEN DOCTOR ROBOTNIK FEARS TO TREAD.

I COULD NEVER ASK THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO ACCOMPANY ME ON WHAT COULD PROVE TO BE SUCH A DANGEROUS AND PERSONAL MISSION.

SO...

...EXCEPT FOR YOU, NICOLE...

...I'LL HAVE TO GO IT ALONE!

GOING SOMEWHERE, PRINCESS?

WEREN'T THINKING OF HOGGING ALL THE GLORY FOR YOURSELF, WERE YOU?

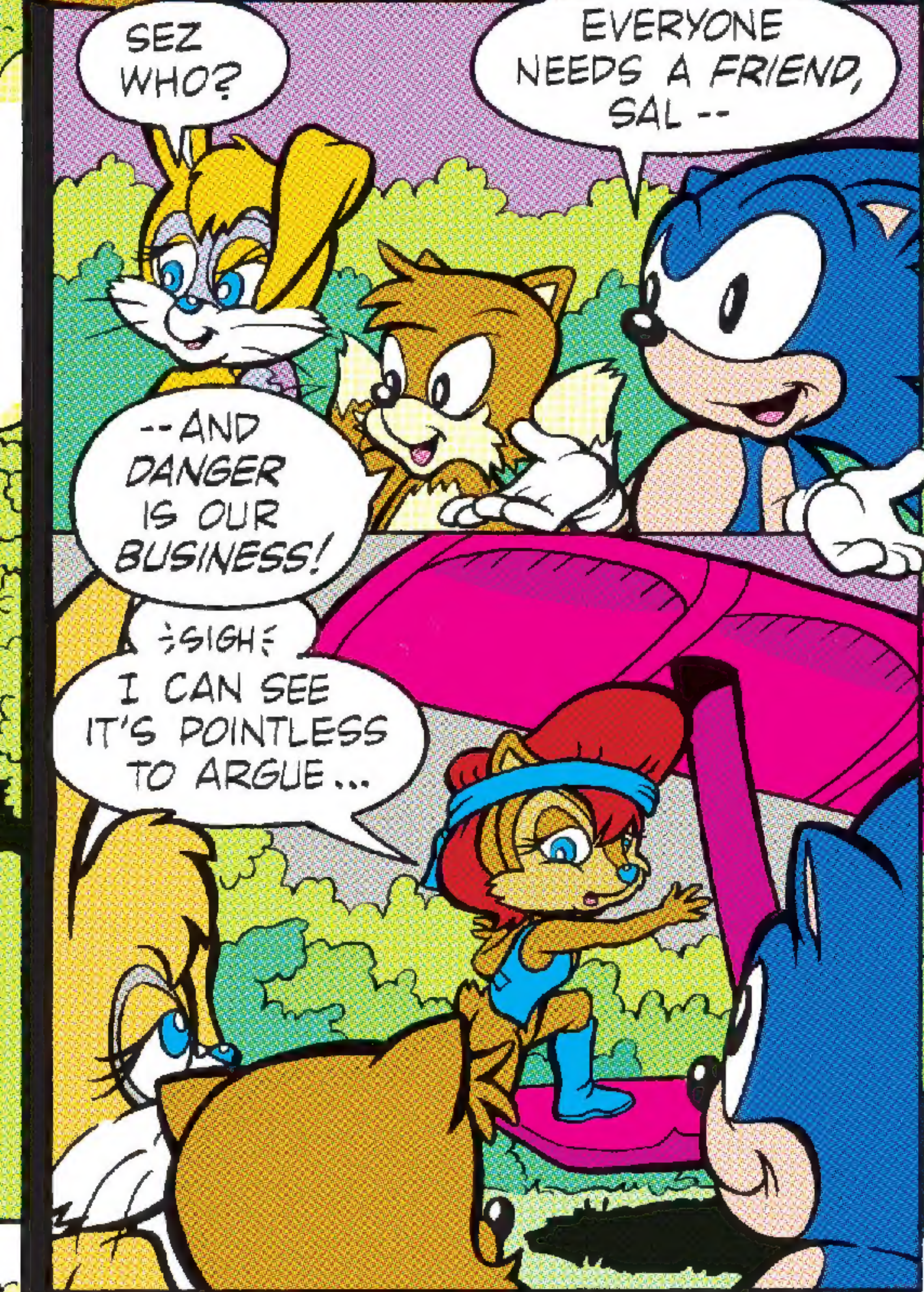
SWISH!

SONIC



GUYS, I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT, BUT THIS COULD BE DANGEROUS!

BESIDES, IT'S SOMETHING I NEED TO DO ON MY OWN!

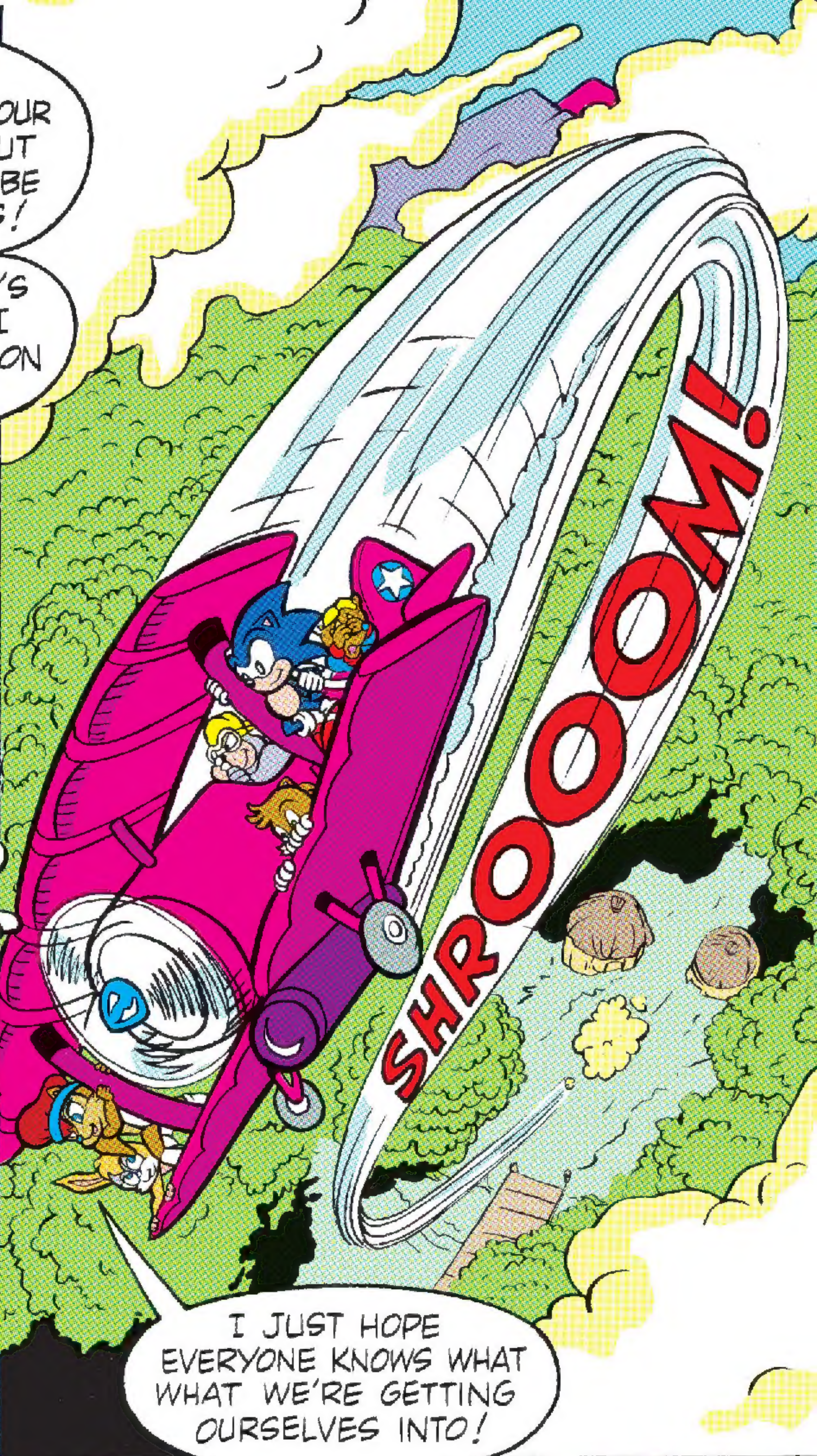


SEZ WHO?

EVERYONE NEEDS A FRIEND, SAL --

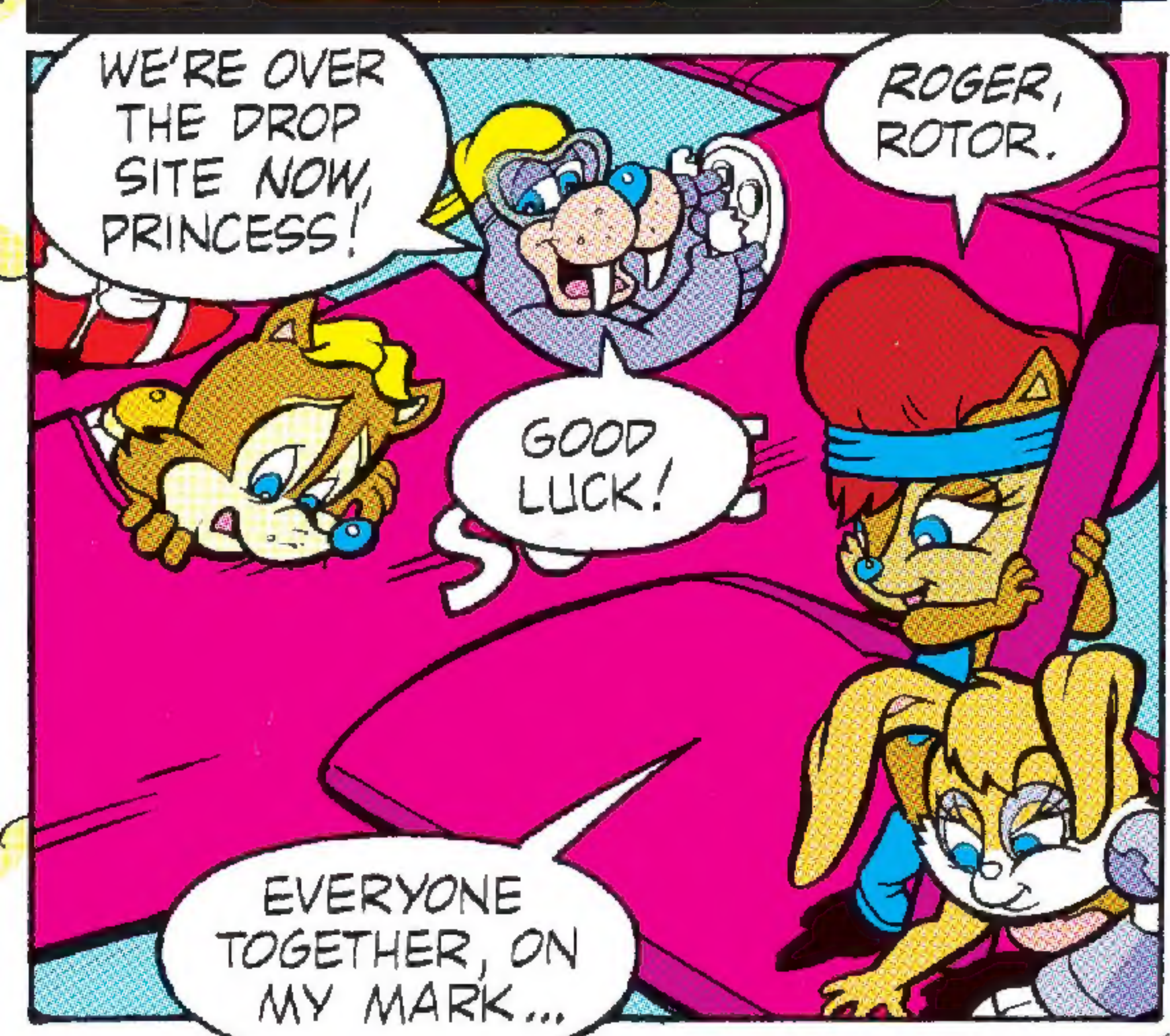
--AND DANGER IS OUR BUSINESS!

SIGH I CAN SEE IT'S POINTLESS TO ARGUE...



SHROOOOOM!

I JUST HOPE EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT WHAT WE'RE GETTING OURSELVES INTO!



WE'RE OVER THE DROP SITE NOW, PRINCESS!

ROGER, ROTOR.

GOOD LUCK!

EVERYONE TOGETHER, ON MY MARK...



GERONIMOooooo

OH, MY...

I HAVE CONVENIENTLY FORGOTTEN MY FEAR OF ZEE HEIGHTS!

QUICKLY! BURY YOUR CHUTES AND MOVE OUT! WE MUSTN'T LET ROBOTNIK'S BORDER PATROL SPOT US TILL WE'RE OVER THE WALL!

WHAT'S TO WORRY, SAL? EVEN IF THE SWATBOTS SPOT US...

... THOSE TIN CANS COULDN'T HIT THE BROAD SIDE OF A BARN!

CLICK!
WHRR!

INTRUDER--
ALERT!

RESPONSE
MODE--
INITIATED!

SPLAT!

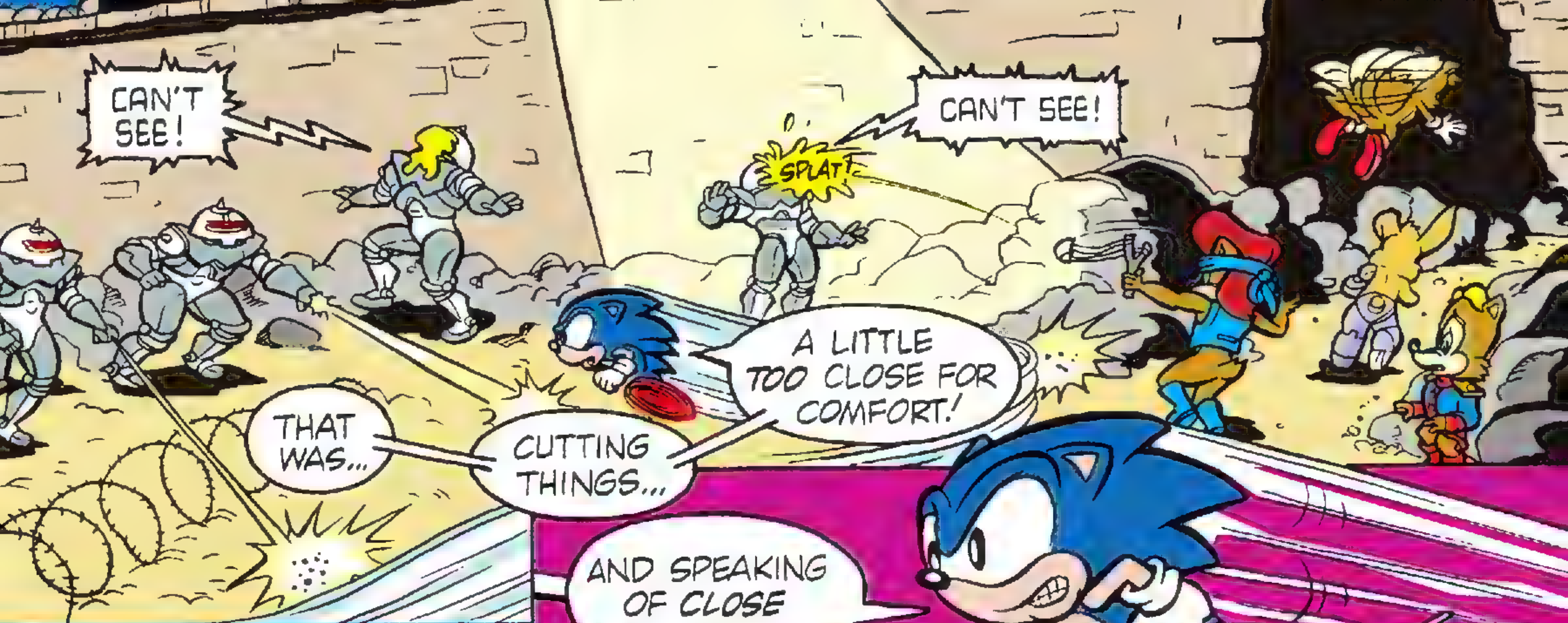
VISUAL STATUS--
NON-EXISTENT!

"READY..."

"AIM..."

TARGET LOCK REQUIRED

THEY'VE SPOTTED US, BUT THESE CONCENTRATED PAINT BALLS WILL BLIND THEM!



CAN'T SEE!

CAN'T SEE!

SPLAT!

THAT WAS...

CUTTING THINGS...

A LITTLE TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT!

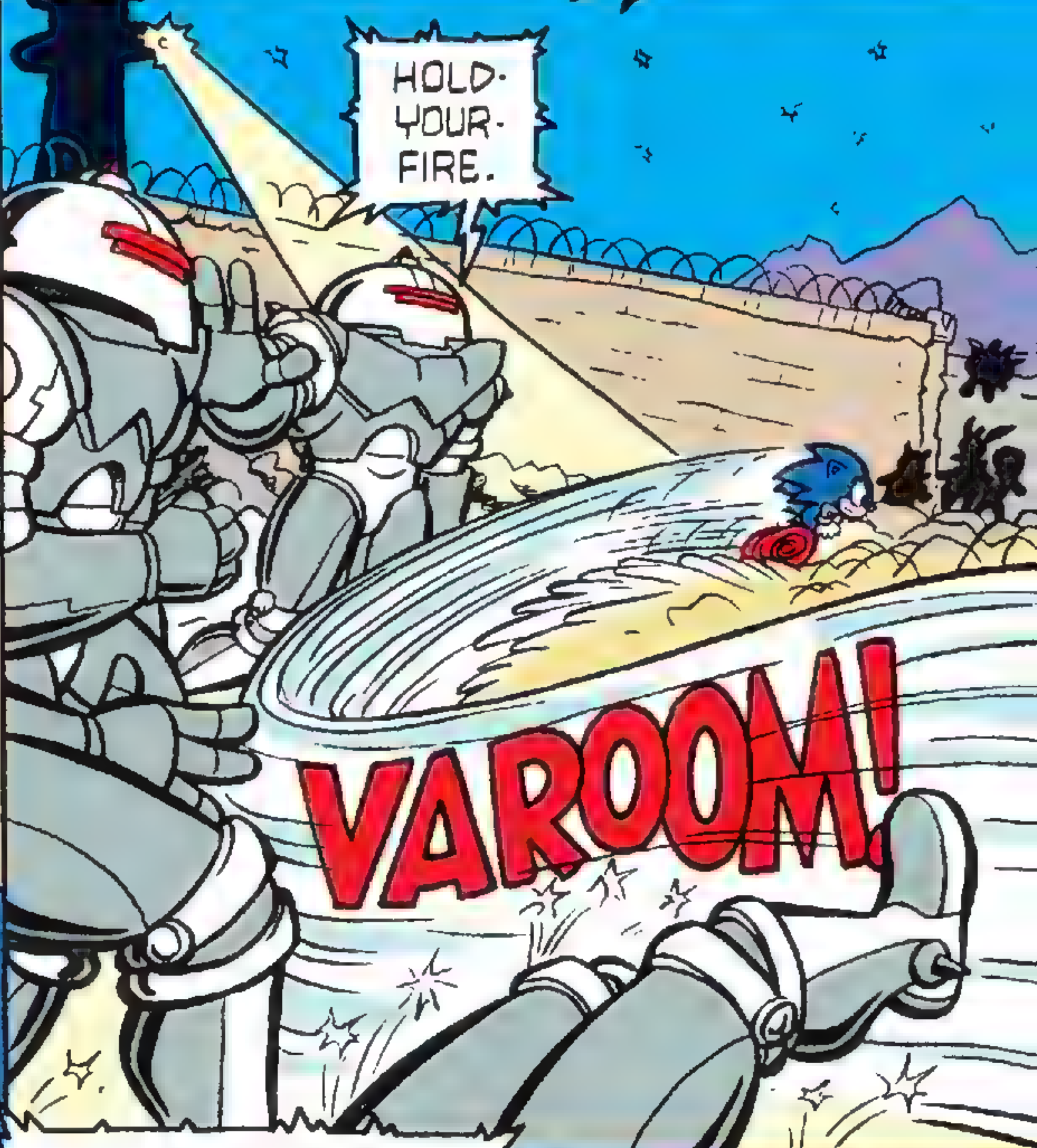
AND SPEAKING OF CLOSE SHAVES...



...LET'S CUT THESE SENTRIES DOWN TO SIZE!

SHRAAKTI!

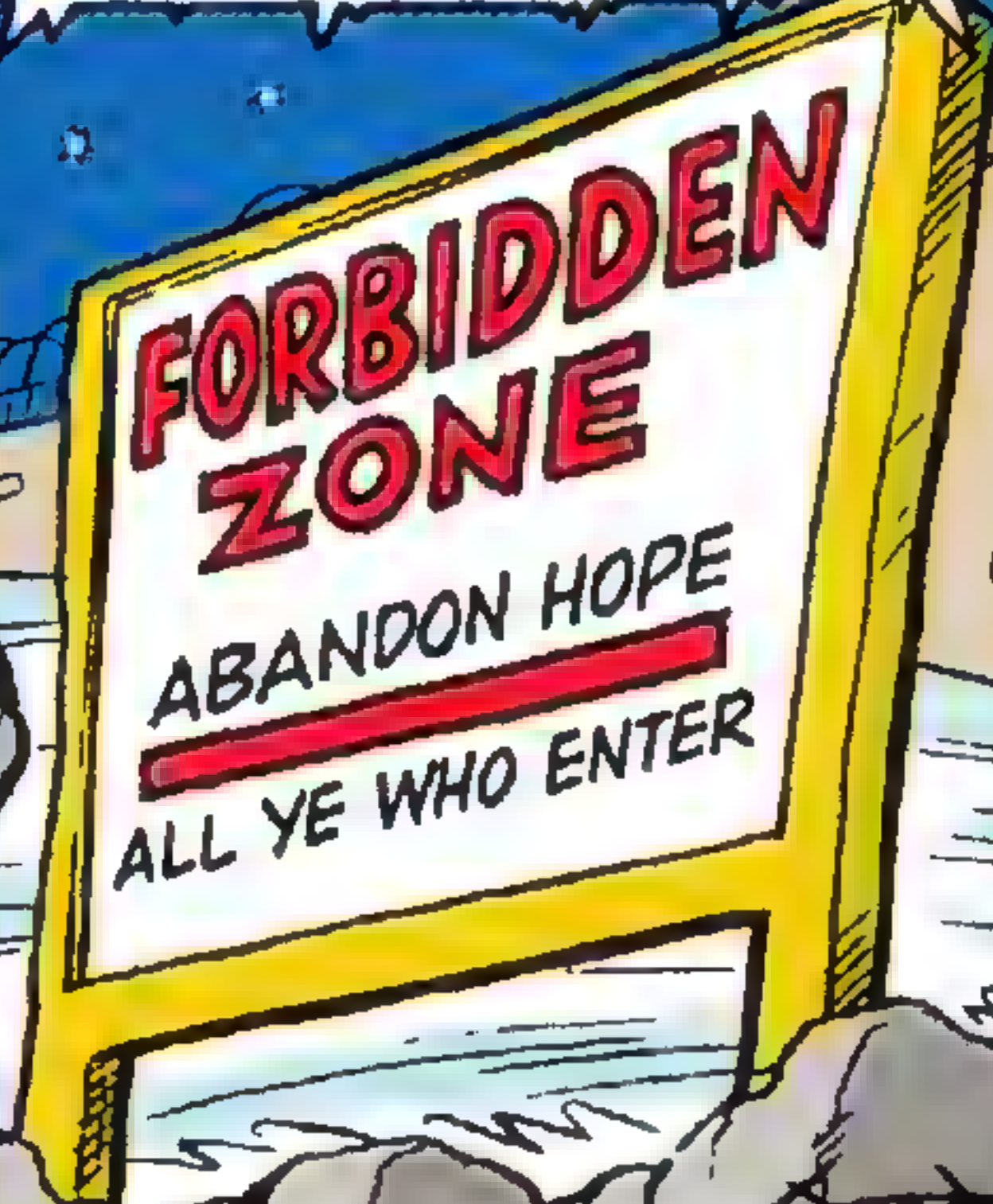
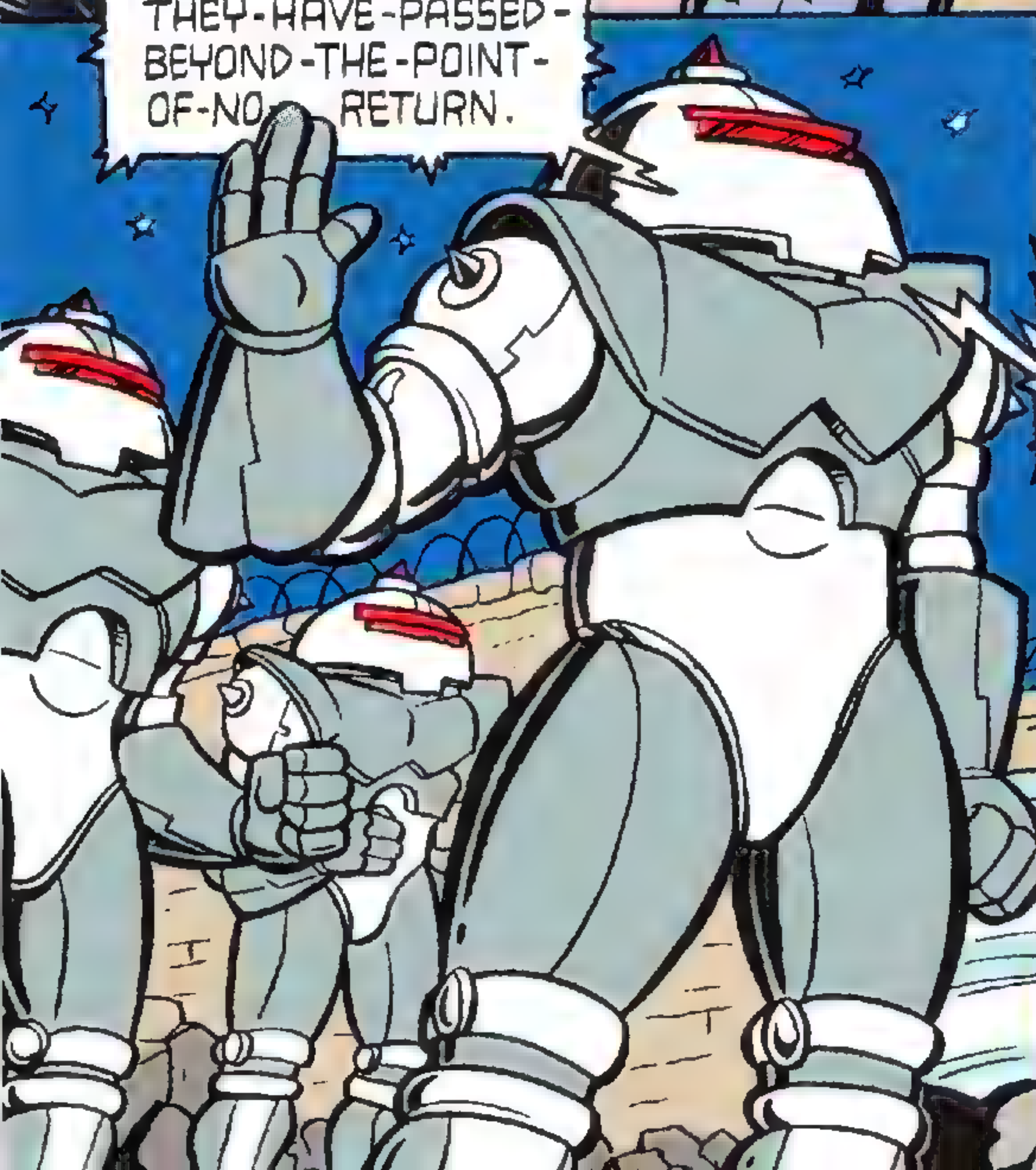
THEY-HAVE-PASSED-BEYOND-THE-POINT-OF-NO-RETURN.



HOLD-YOUR-FIRE.

VAROOM!

THE-FORBIDDEN-ZONE-WILL-MAKE-SHORT-WORK-OF-THEM...



"...AND-PROVE-THEIR-
ULTIMATE-UNDOING!"

WHIP
WHIP

WHOOOSH!

SHOOM!

WE'RE IN!
NOW WHAT?

THE MAP SAYS WE
HEAD THATAWAY!

OH?

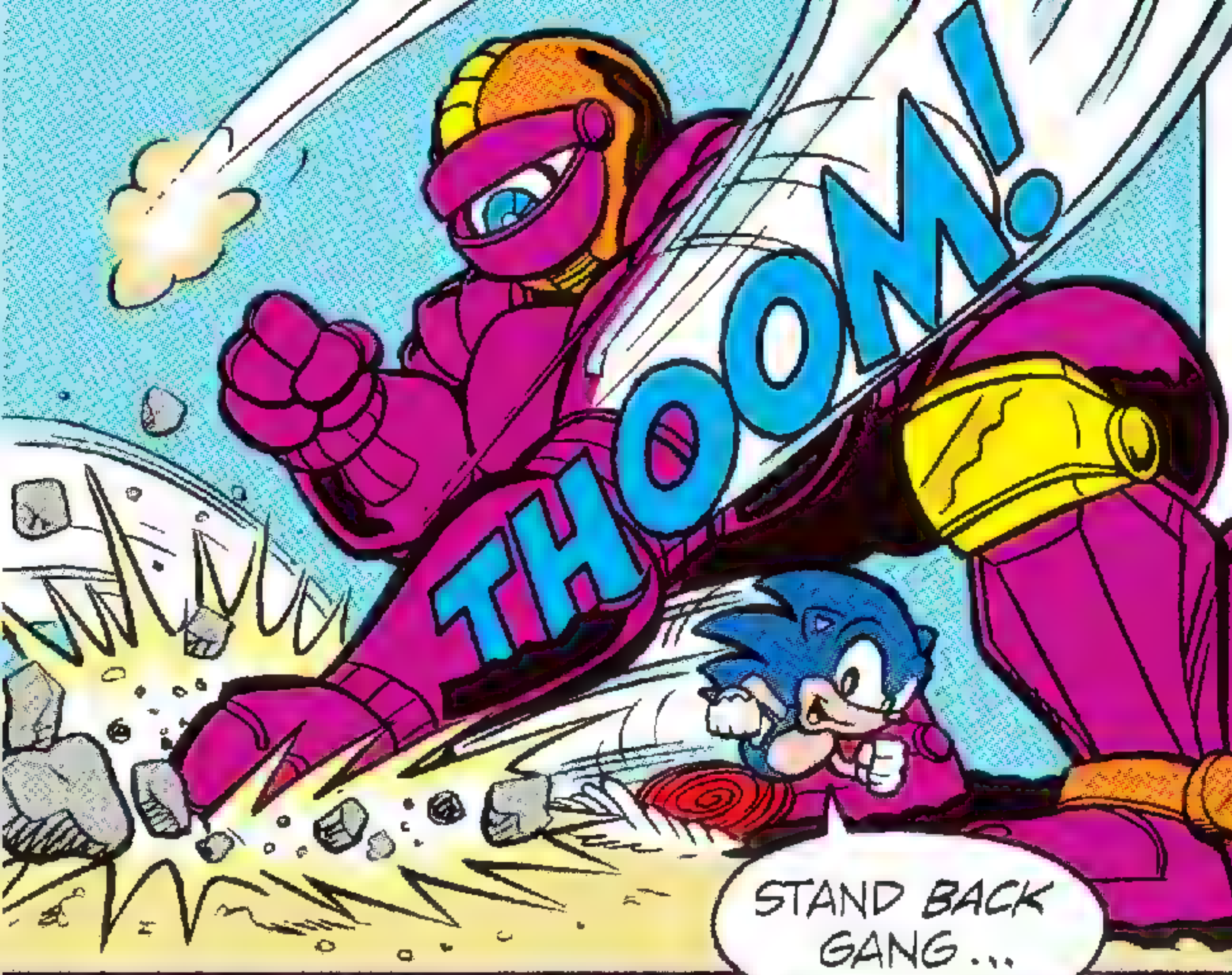
LIKE WHAT?

IT ALSO SAYS
THERE ARE A FEW
OBSTACLES-- IN
OUR PATH.

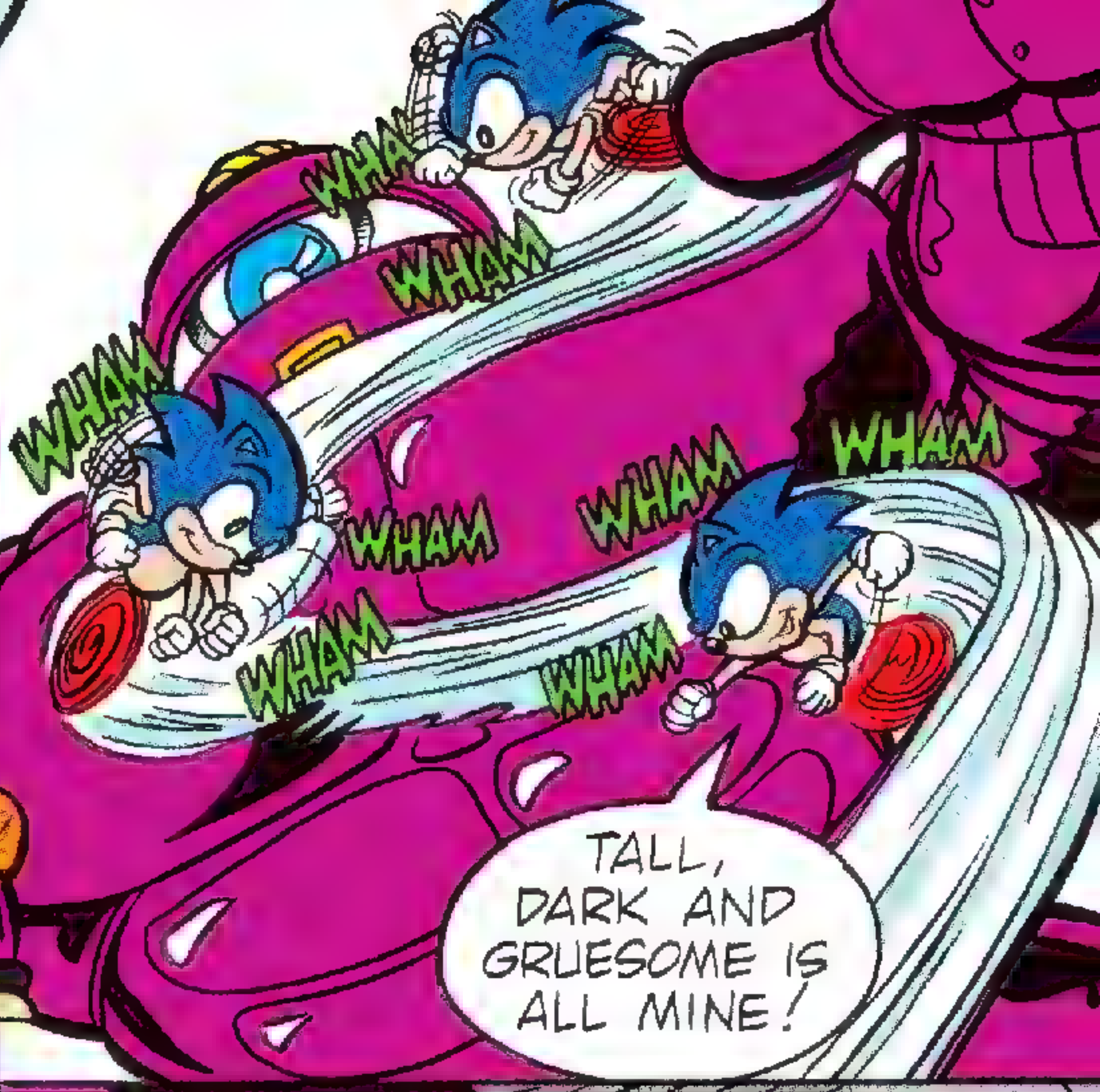
...LIKE
THAT!

MON
DIEU! IT
EES ZEE
CYCLOPS!

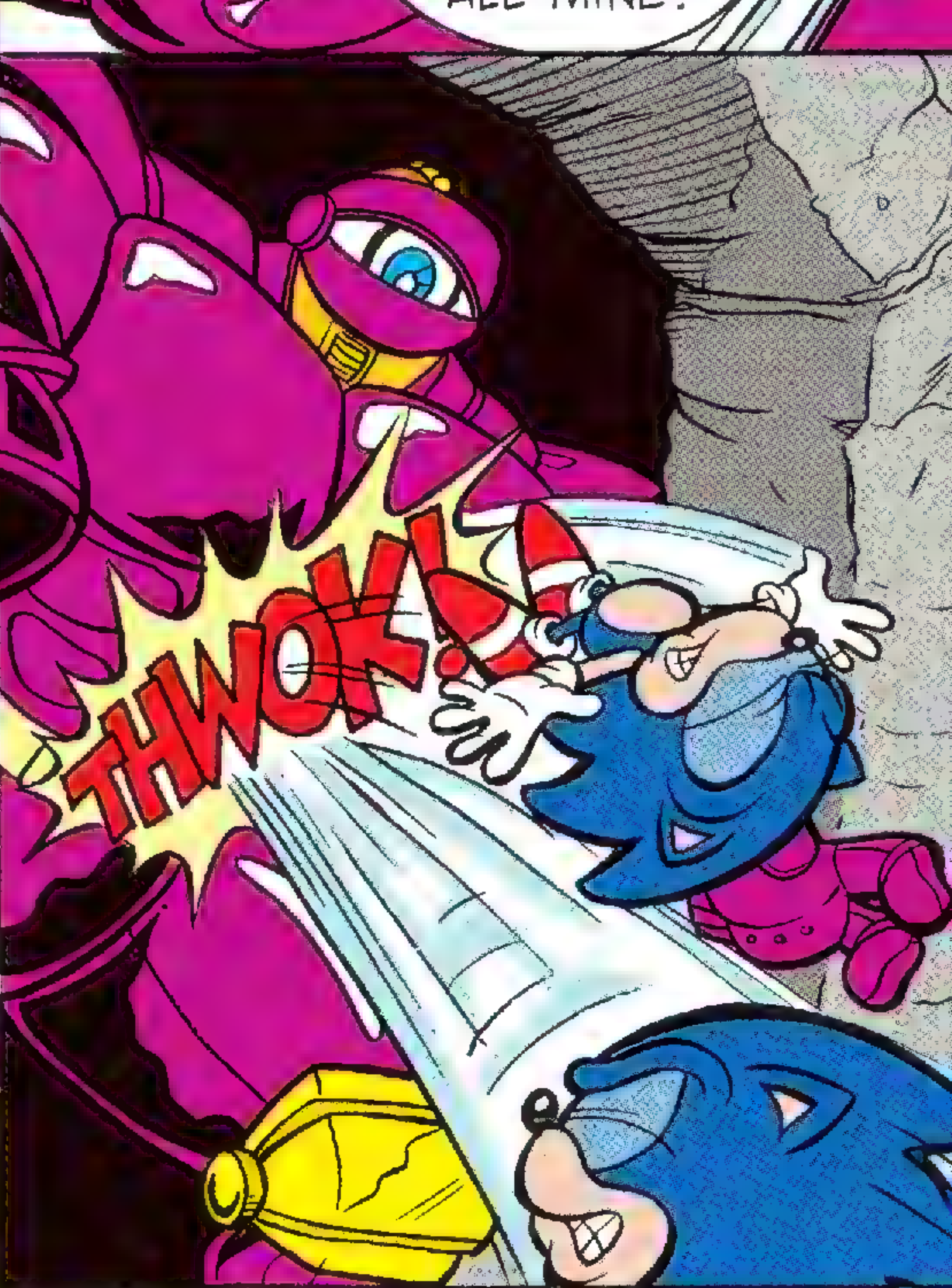
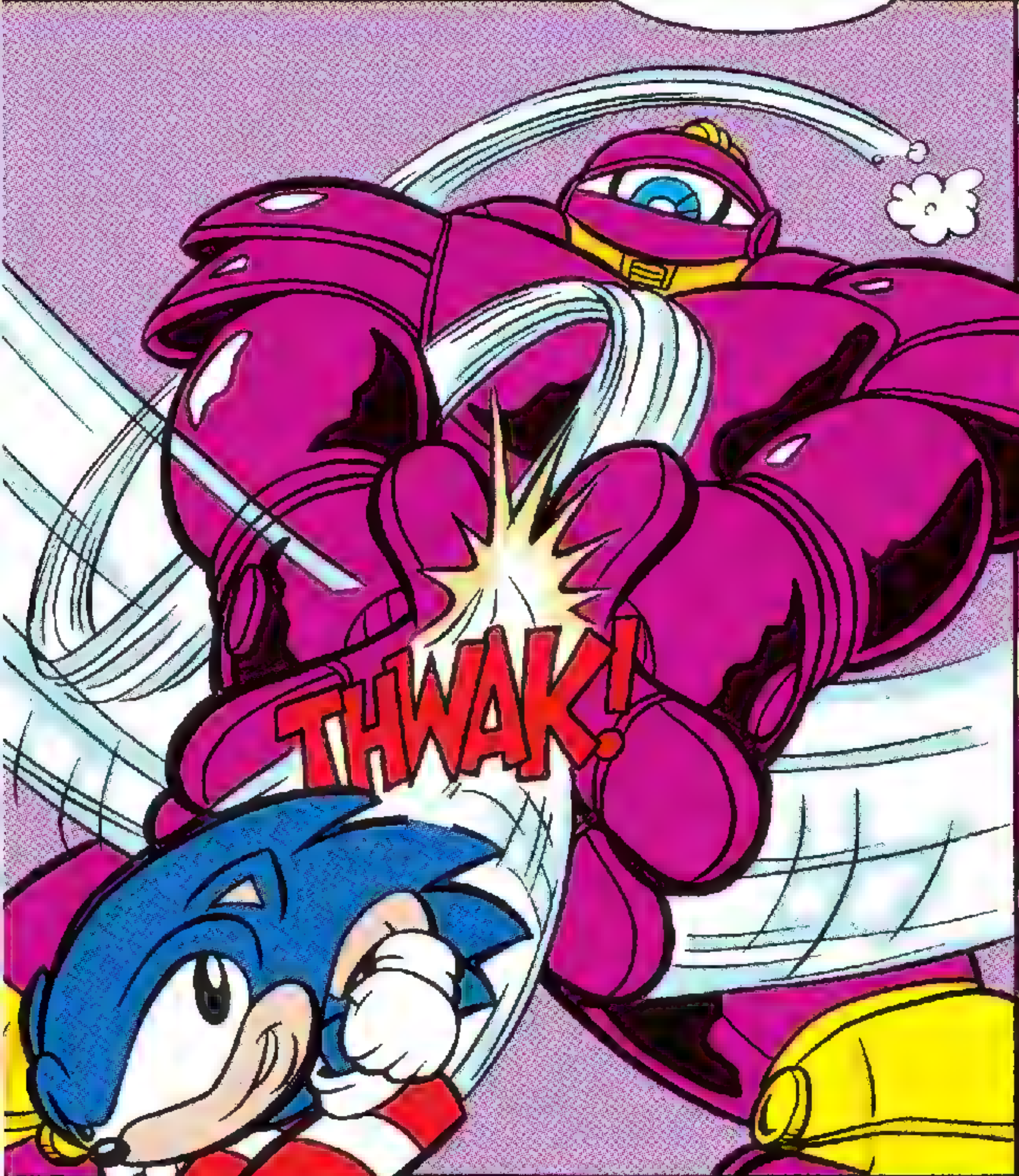
GULP!
LOOKS MORE
LIKE A ONE-EYED
MONSTER TO ME!



STAND BACK GANG...



TALL, DARK AND GRUESOME IS ALL MINE!

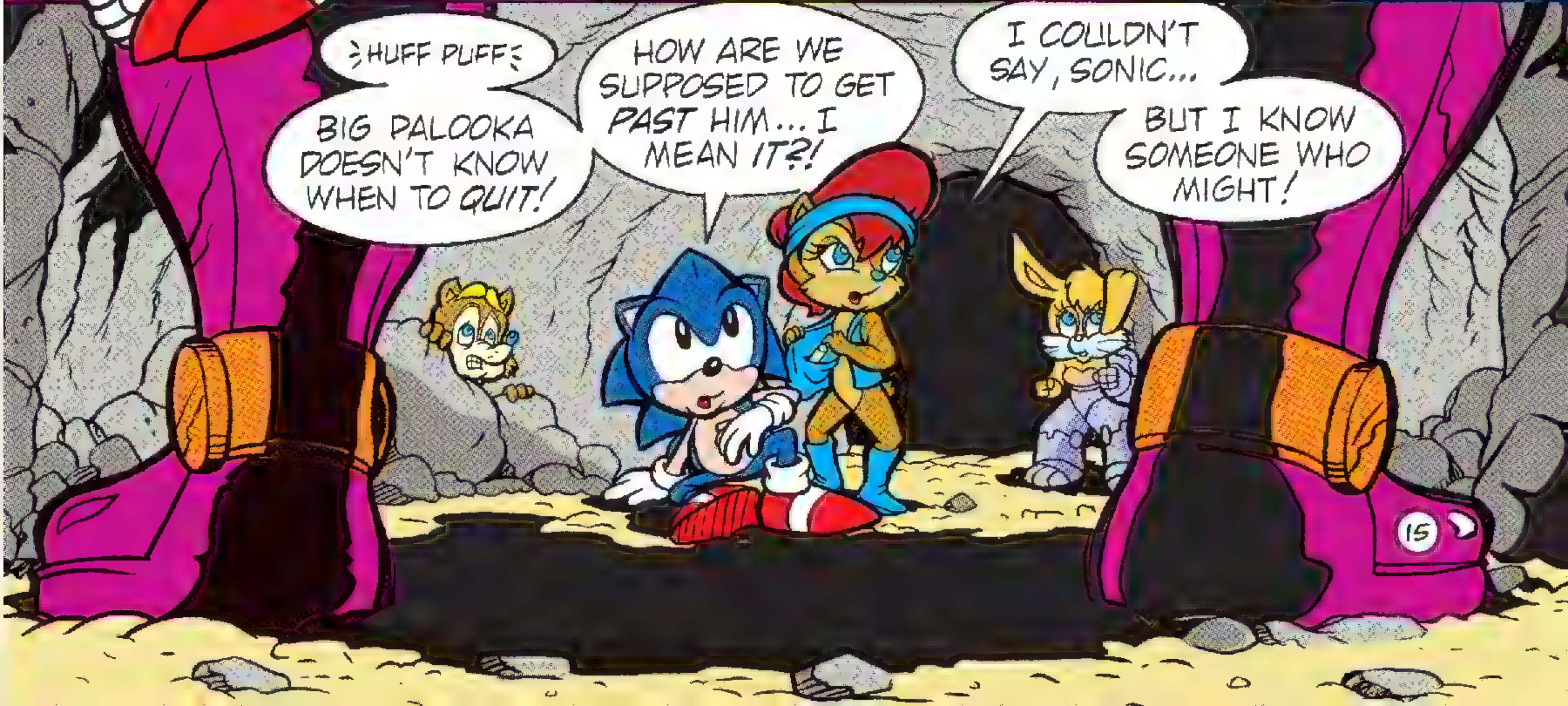


≡ HUFF PUFF ≡
BIG PALOOKA DOESN'T KNOW WHEN TO QUIT!

HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO GET PAST HIM... I MEAN IT?!

I COULDN'T SAY, SONIC...

BUT I KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT!



WE'RE GETTING WARMER NOW!

I CAN FEEL IT...

PING

PING

PING

...AND SEE IT!

FA-VOOSH!

GASP! A FIRE-BREATHING GRIFFIN!!

WE'D BETTER FALL BACK AND...

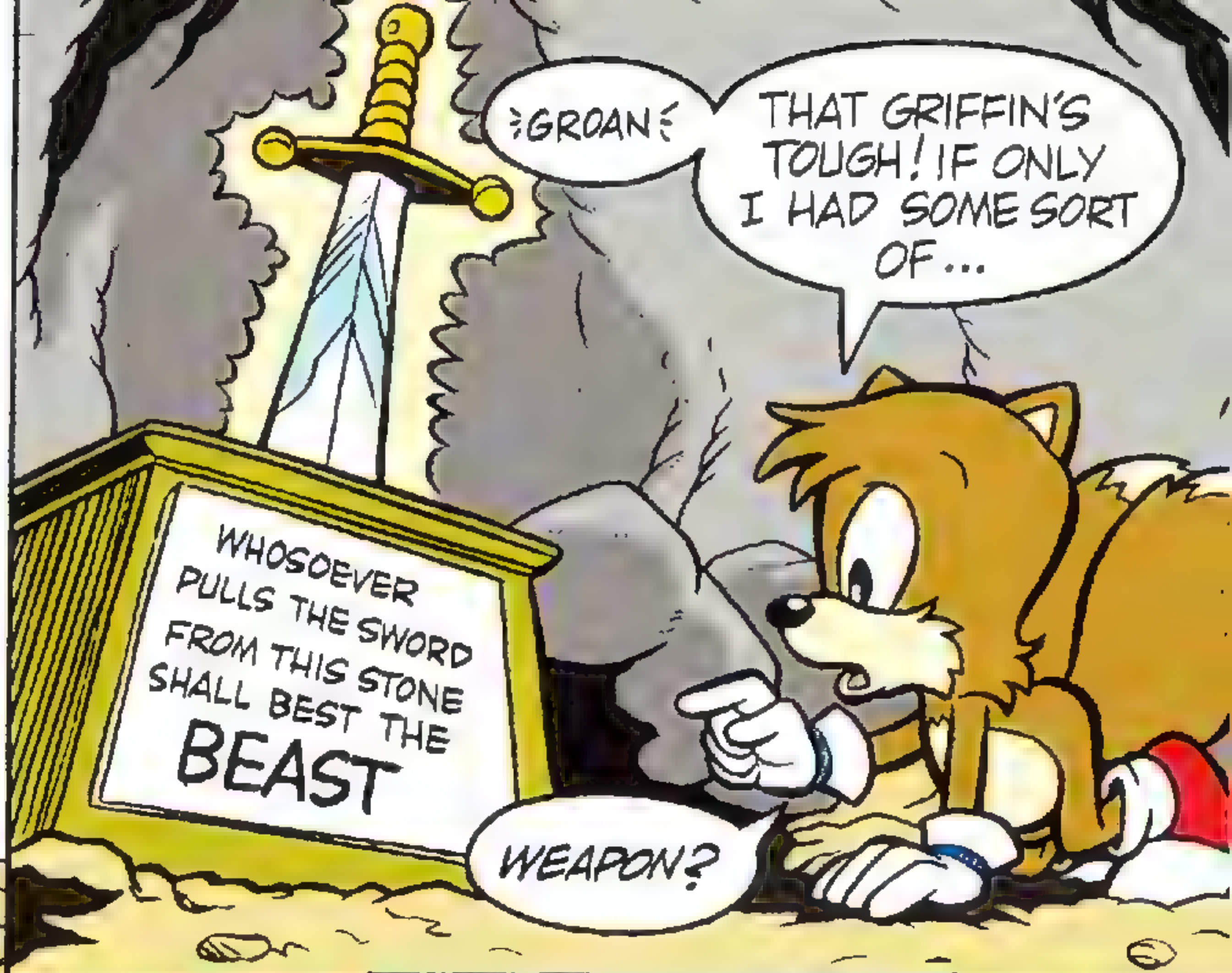
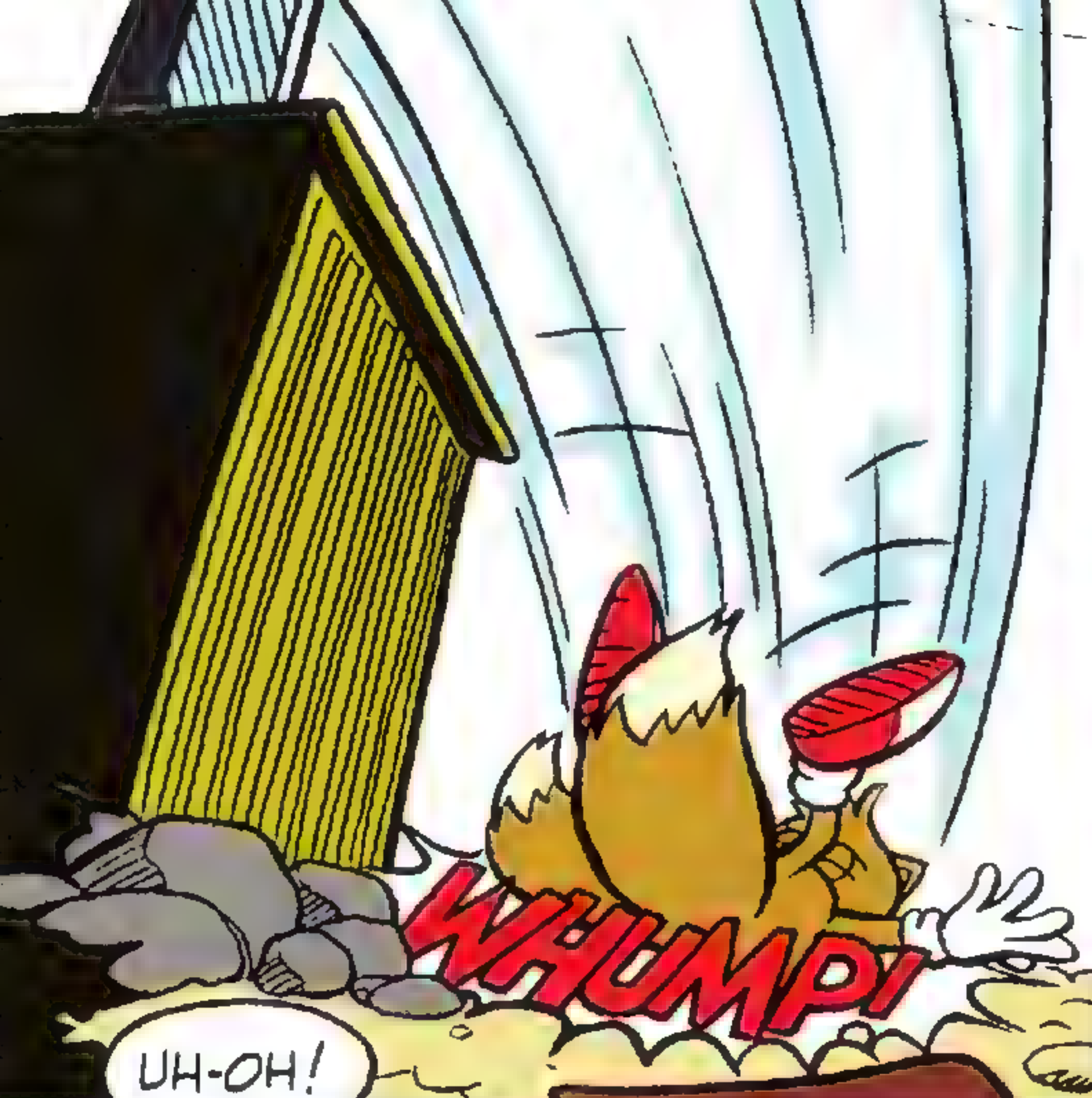
TAILS!

I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN FLY, PRINCESS!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

WITH LUCK, MAYBE I CAN KNOCK IT OUT OF THE SKY BEFORE...

THWOK!



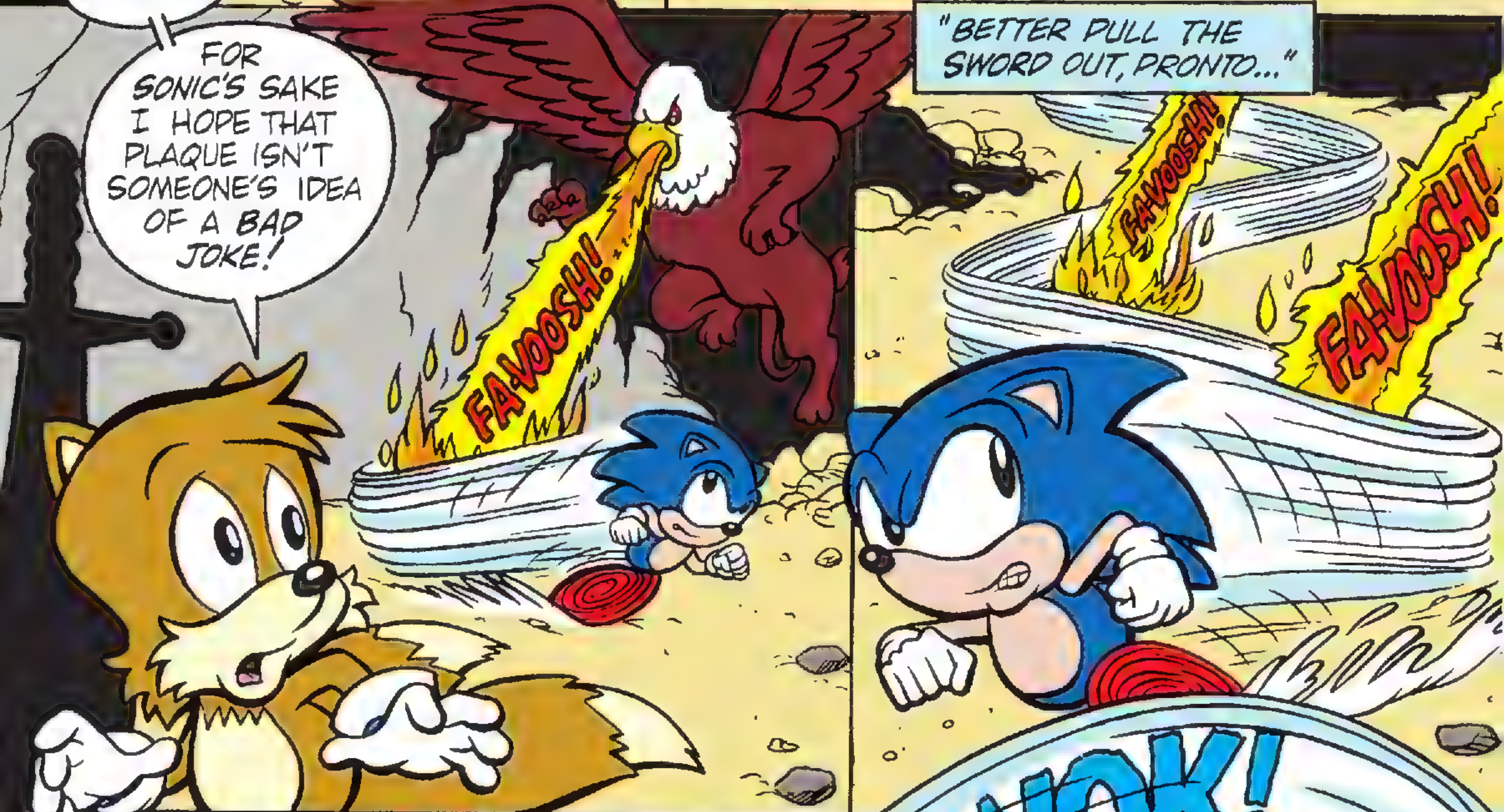
THAT GRIFFIN'S TOUGH! IF ONLY I HAD SOME SORT OF ...

WEAPON?

UH-OH!

FOR SONIC'S SAKE I HOPE THAT PLAQUE ISN'T SOMEONE'S IDEA OF A BAD JOKE!

"BETTER PULL THE SWORD OUT, PRONTO..."

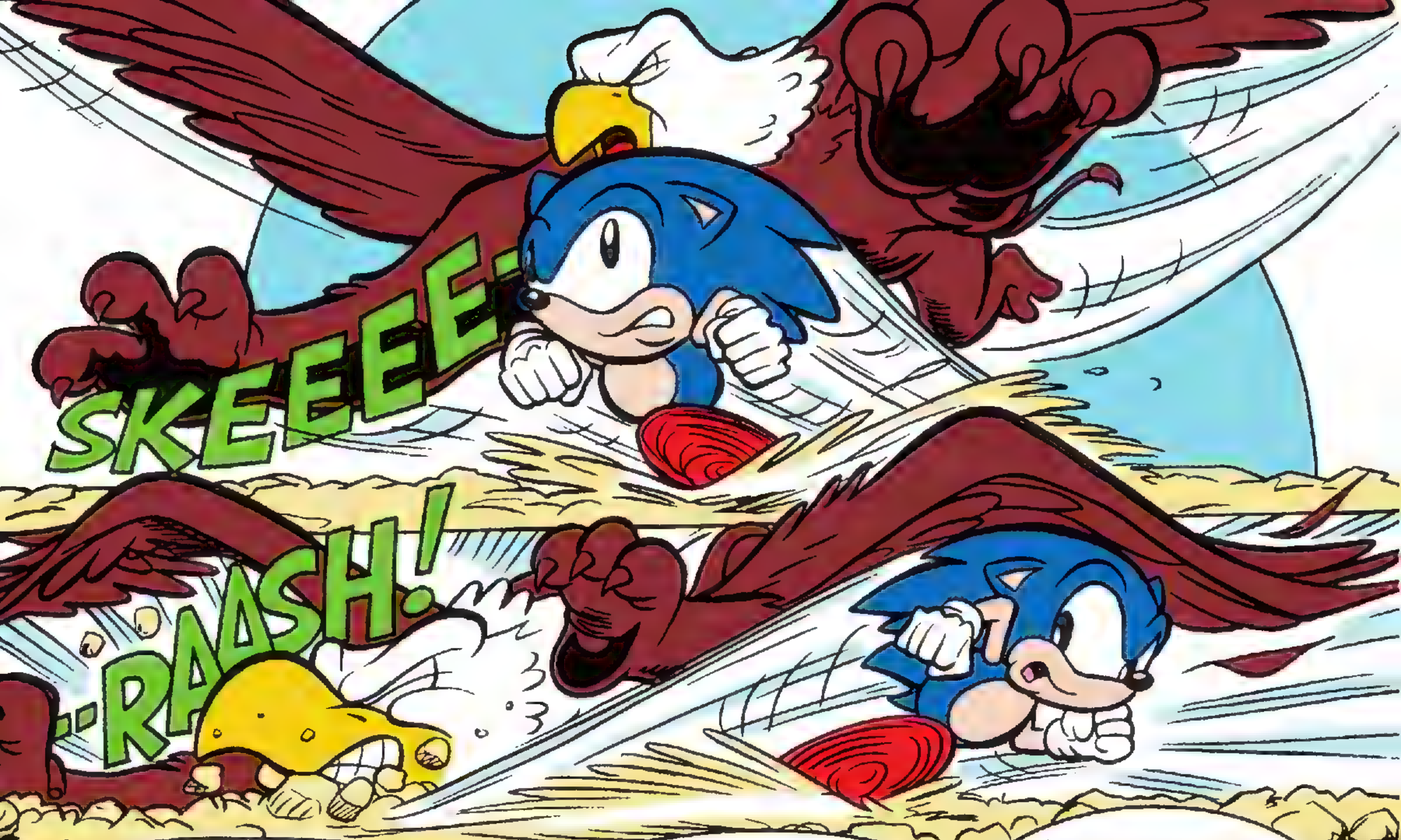


MUSN'T... GIVE... UP...



UNTIL...

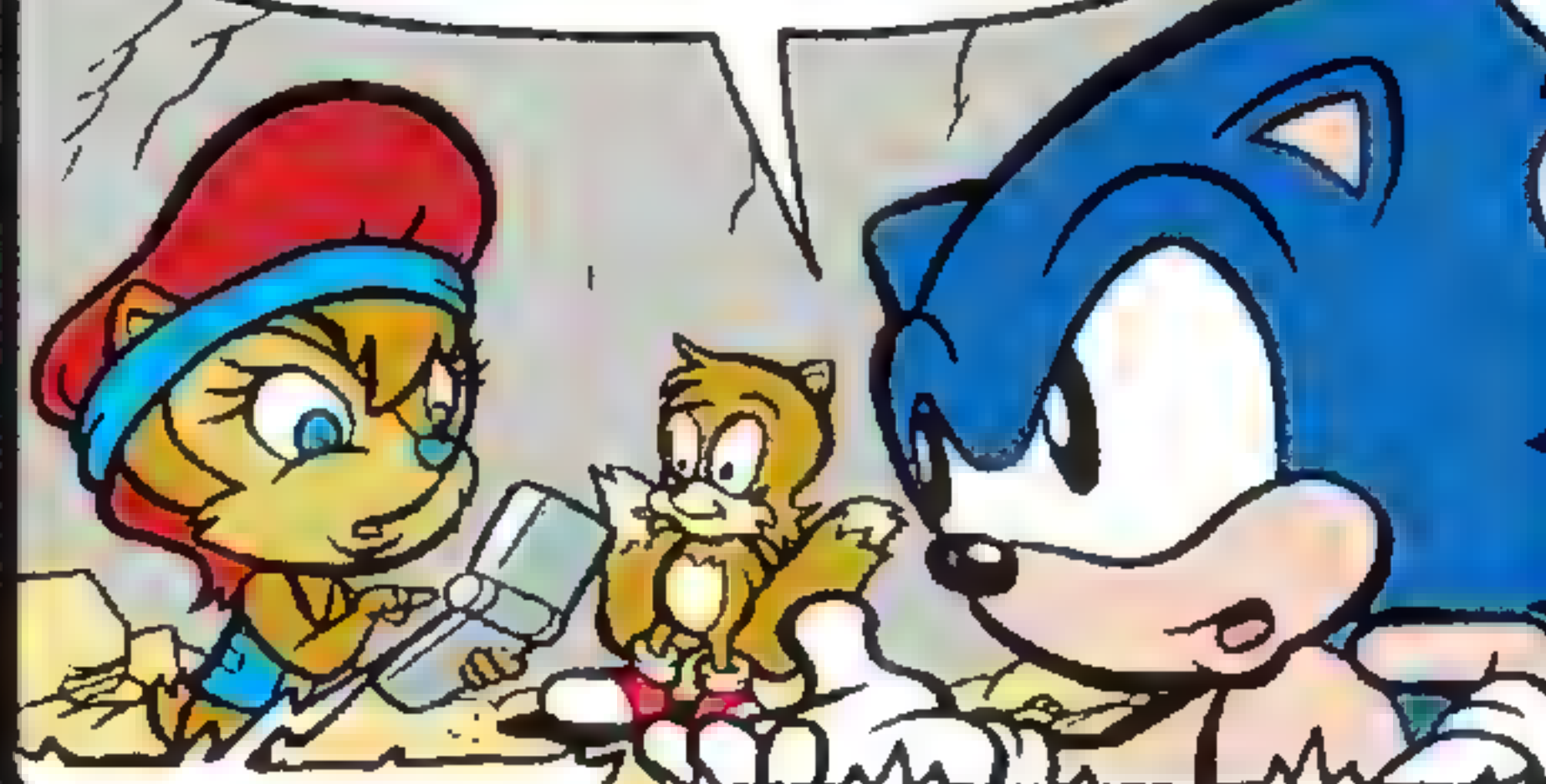




EXCUSE ME... BUT WHAT JUST HAPPENED HERE?

THAT WAS VERY BRAVE, TAILS! BUT NEXT TIME PROMISE ME YOU'LL LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP!

ACCORDING TO THE MAP, WE'RE ALMOST THERE. I JUST HOPE WE DON'T RUN INTO ANY MORE...



BY FREEING THE SWORD FROM THE STONE...

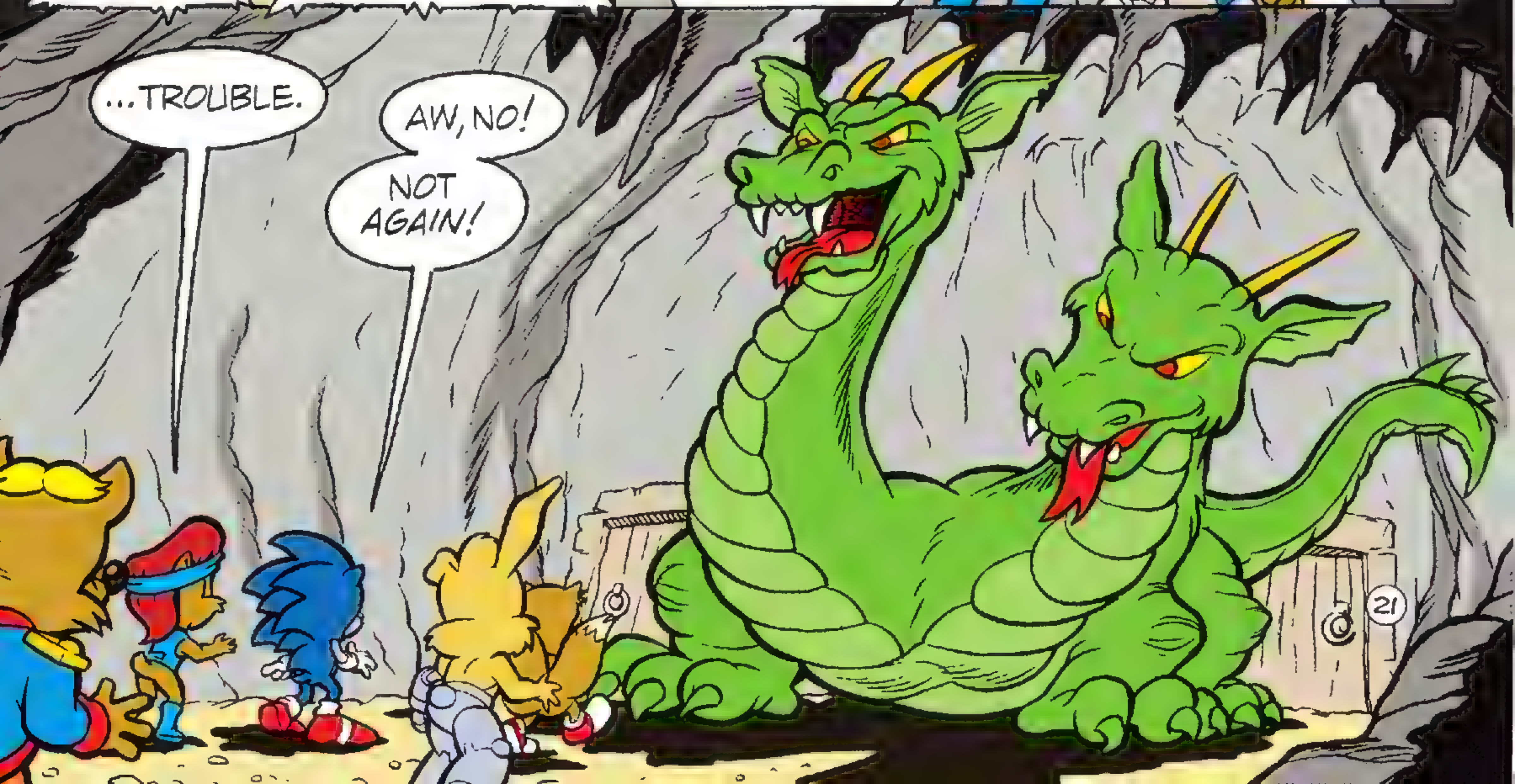
TAILS BROKE THE CIRCUIT WHICH GRANTED THE GRIFFIN ITS MOBILITY.

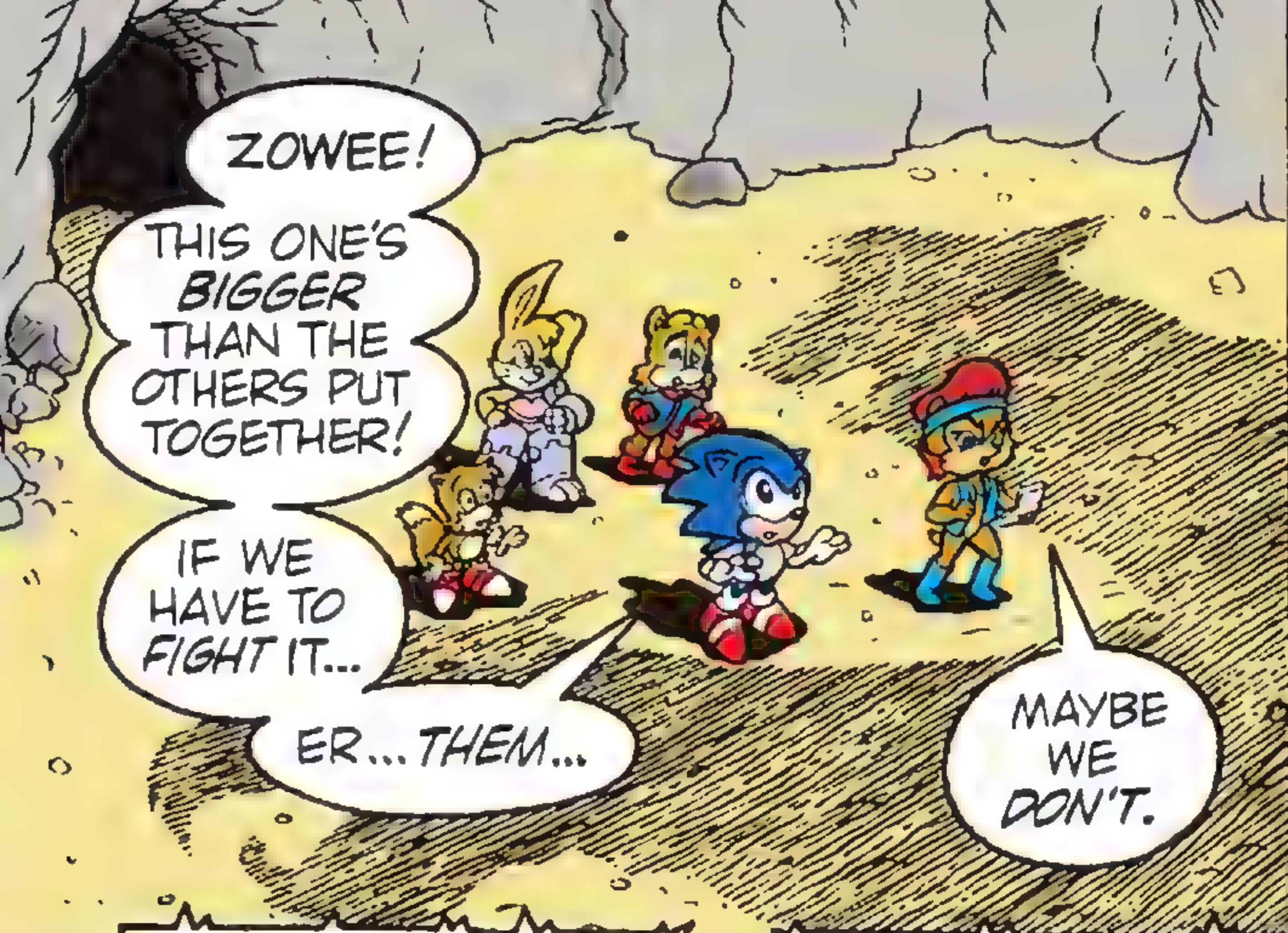
YES, MA'AM!

...TROUBLE.

AW, NO!

NOT AGAIN!





ZOWEE!

THIS ONE'S BIGGER THAN THE OTHERS PUT TOGETHER!

IF WE HAVE TO FIGHT IT...

ER... THEM...

MAYBE WE DON'T.



WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THAT THING, NICOLE?

THE CREATURE BEFORE YOU IS THE LEGENDARY POLYSAURUS REX.

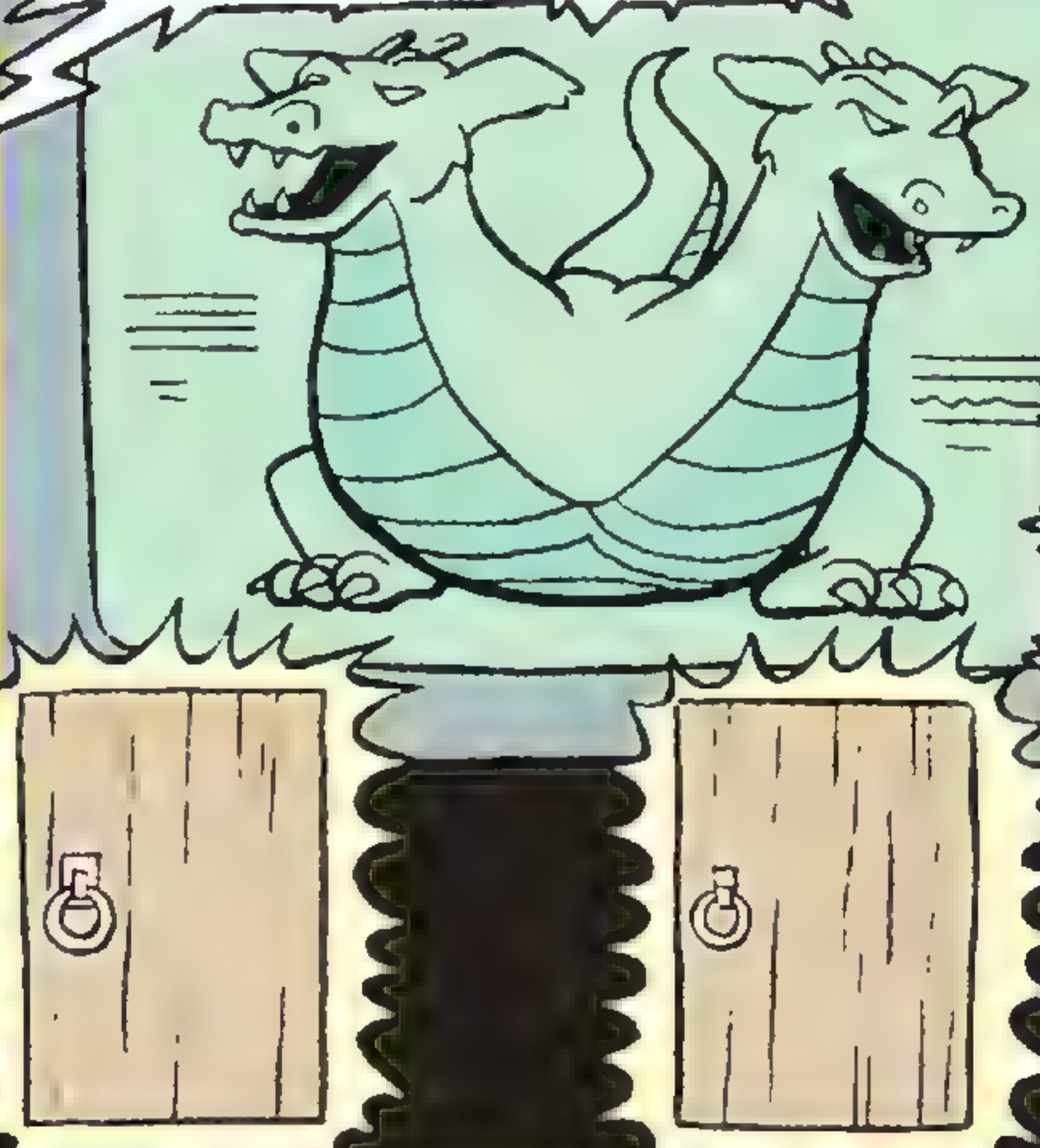
LONG THOUGHT TO BE EXTINCT, THIS TWO-HEADED, TWO-FACED BIOMECHANICAL WATCHDOG IS A WALKING CONTRADICTION IN TERMS.

ONE HEAD ALWAYS TELLS THE TRUTH, WHILE THE OTHER ALWAYS LIES--

AND NO ONE CAN EVER BE QUITE SURE WHICH HEAD IS WHICH.

BEYOND IT LIE TWO DOORS, ONE LEADS TO YOUR QUEST'S END--

THE OTHER, TOWARD CERTAIN DOOM.



CHOOSE YOUR WORDS WITH CARE, SALLY.

CHOOSE MY...

YOU MEAN I HAVE TO ASK IT A QUESTION?



ONE QUESTION...

...AND ONE ONLY!

PICK A HEAD...

... AND TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT!

VERY WELL.

YOU... ON THE LEFT! WHICH DOOR WOULD THE OTHER HEAD CLAIM LEADS TO QUEST'S END?



HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

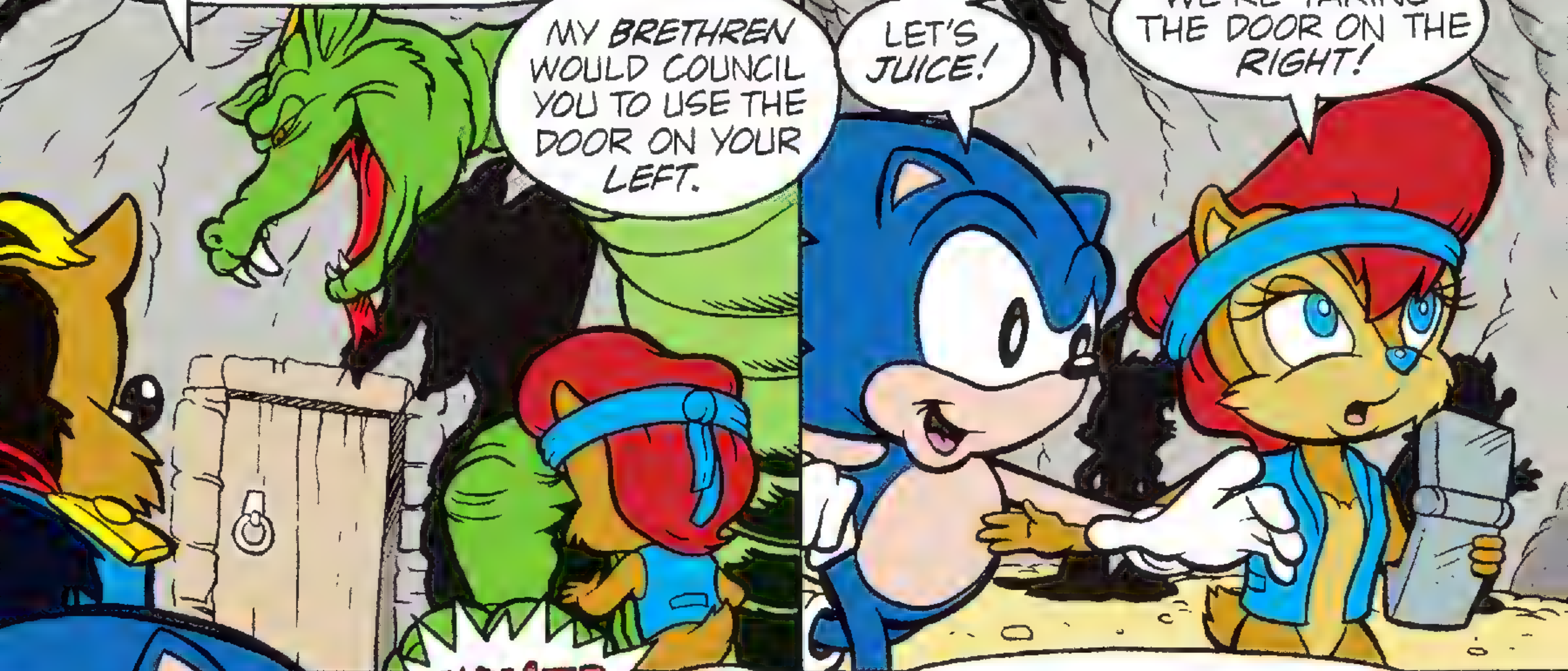
TRULY, YOU ARE WISE BEYOND YOUR YEARS, LITTLE PRINCESS.

MY BRETHREN WOULD COUNCIL YOU TO USE THE DOOR ON YOUR LEFT.

THAT'S IT, THEN!

LET'S JUICE!

NO, SONIC-- WE'RE TAKING THE DOOR ON THE RIGHT!



WHAT?

BUT HE JUST SAID--

ON THE OTHER HAND, IF HE WAS THE HEAD THAT LIES... THEN OBVIOUSLY IT WOULD STILL BE THE DOOR ON THE RIGHT!

THAT'S RIGHT!

THINK ABOUT IT...

IF HE WAS THE HEAD THAT TELLS THE TRUTH, HE WOULD HAVE TOLD US TRUTHFULLY THAT THE OTHER HEAD WOULD HAVE LIED.



WELL, SINCE WE AREN'T PUSHING UP DAISIES, I GUESS YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE.

BUT THAT STILL DOESN'T TELL ME WHICH HEAD WAS WHICH!

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, I DON'T KNOW EITHER! BUT NONE OF THAT MATTERS NOW!

WE'VE ARRIVED AT...

Quest's END!

WOW...
LOOK AT THAT!

I SEE IT, SONIC!

A MINIATURE VERSION OF JULAYLA'S HOPE CHEST!

THIS MUST BE WHAT WE CAME FOR!

I WONDER WHAT'S...

INSIDE?!

POP!



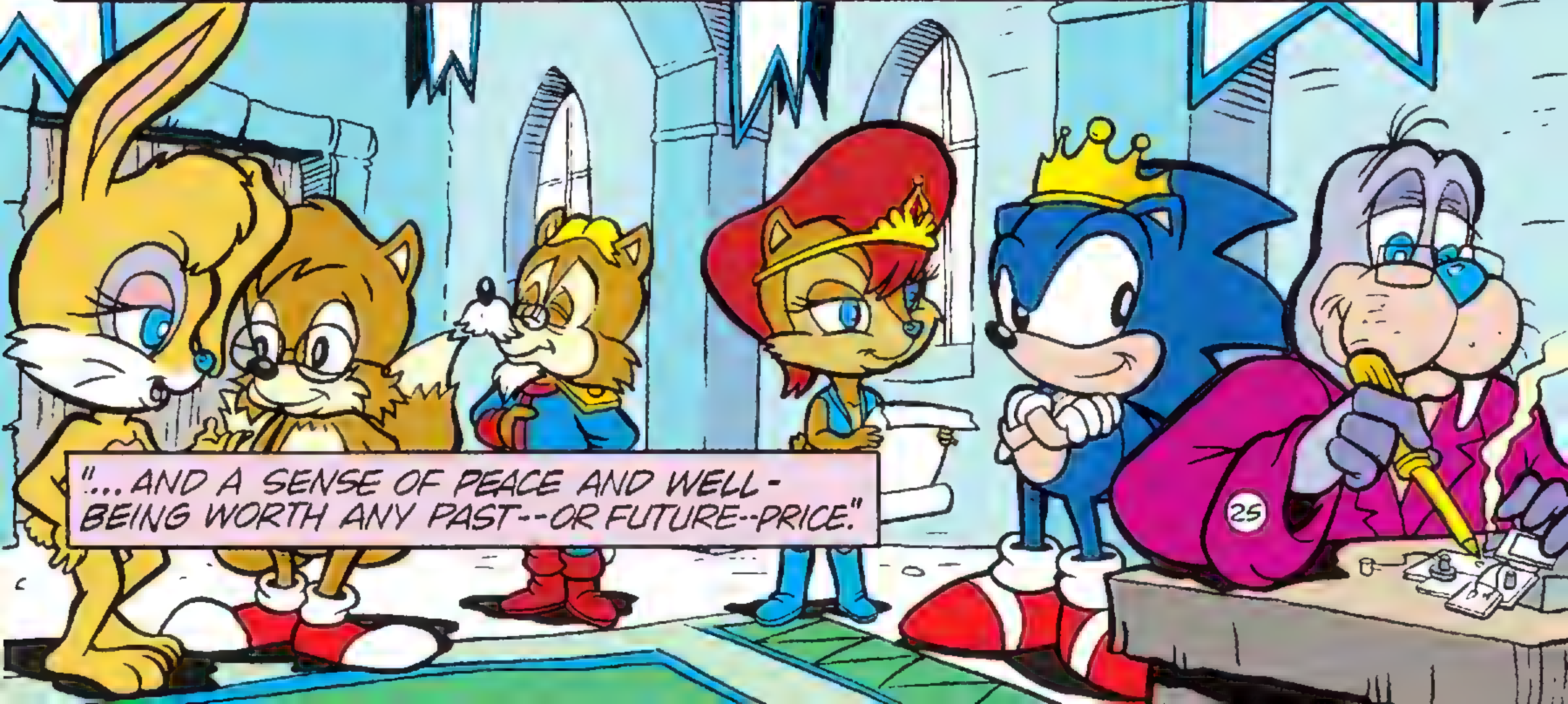
"I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MOMENT THEN..."



"...BUT I DO TODAY!"

"JULAYLA'S WORDS HAVE SERVED ME IN GOOD STEAD FOR FULLY TWO DECADES!"

"AS HER FINAL TESTAMENT CLEARLY STATED, THE FULFILLMENT OF MY QUEST HAS INDEED GRANTED ME ONENESS OF THE SOUL..."



"... AND A SENSE OF PEACE AND WELL-BEING WORTH ANY PAST--OR FUTURE--PRICE!"

"BY HAVING FAITH IN MYSELF, THE WAR AGAINST ROBOTNIK WAS WON..."

"WE HAVE A KINGDOM NOW..."

VIEEEE!

"...AS WAS THE HEART OF MY BELOVED HEDGEHOGS."

"A FAMILY..."

"AND THE CHILDREN..."

"...HAVE A GRANDFATHER."

HOLD UP, YOU LITTLE SCAMPS!

HUFF HUFF

YOU TWO ARE QUITE THE HANDFUL...

BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY!

I GIVE YOU--

"NOW, AFTER ALL THESE MANY YEARS..."

"THE FINAL LINK IN AN ELABORATE CHAIN OF EVENTS IS ABOUT TO BE FORGED..."

DONE.

CLICK!

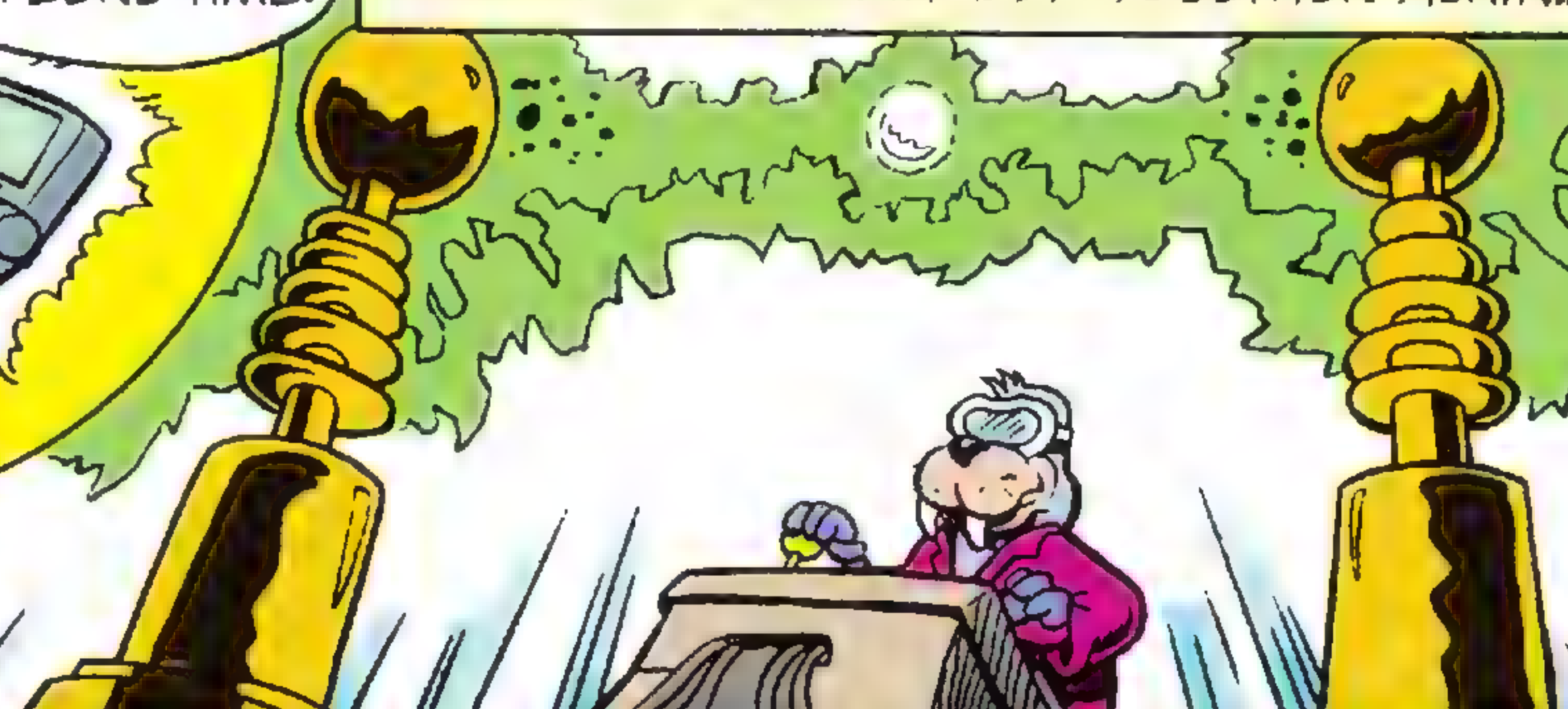
NICOLE!

MY FRIENDS...



HELLO...
OLD
FRIEND.
IT'S BEEN--
A LONG TIME.

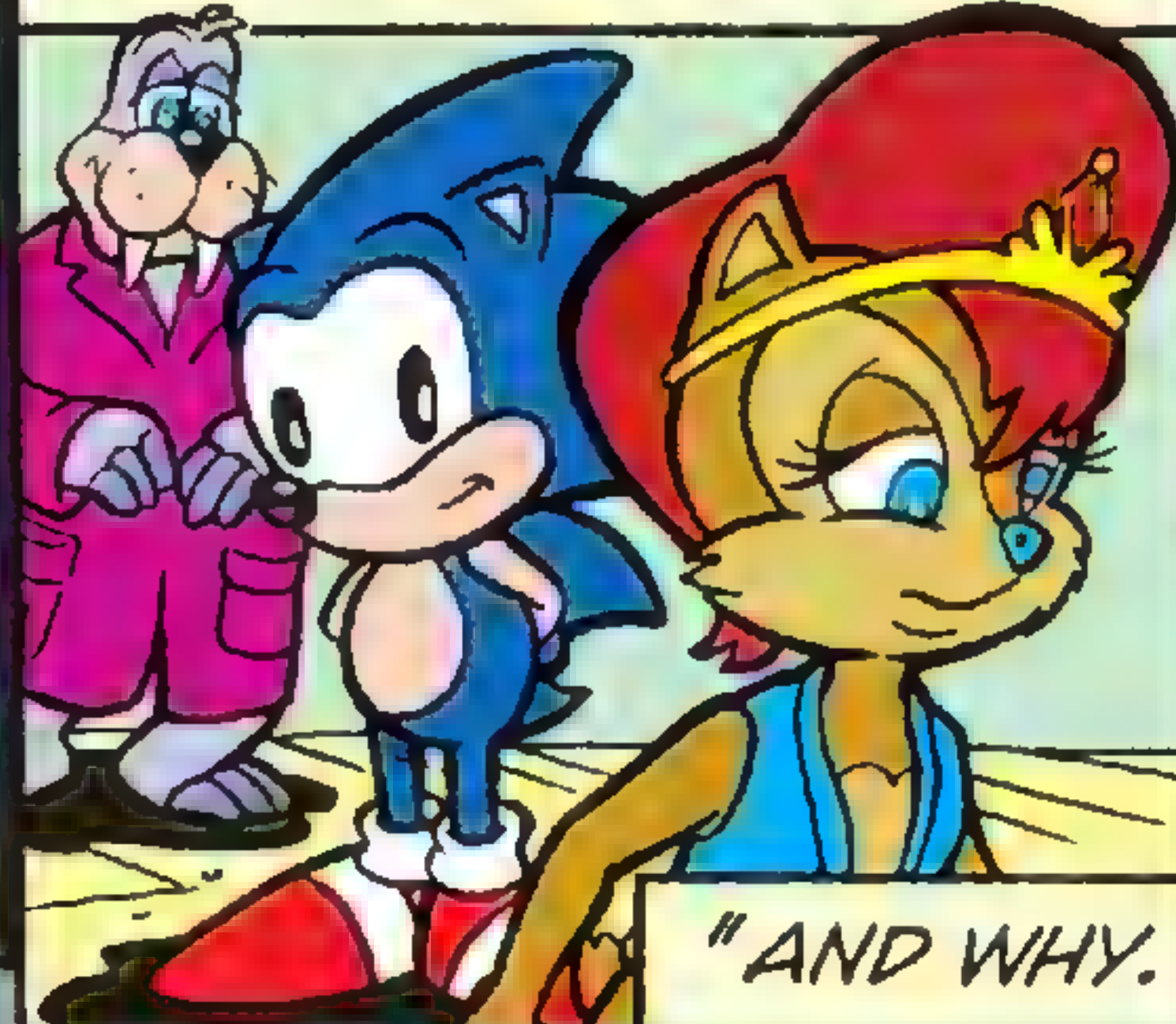
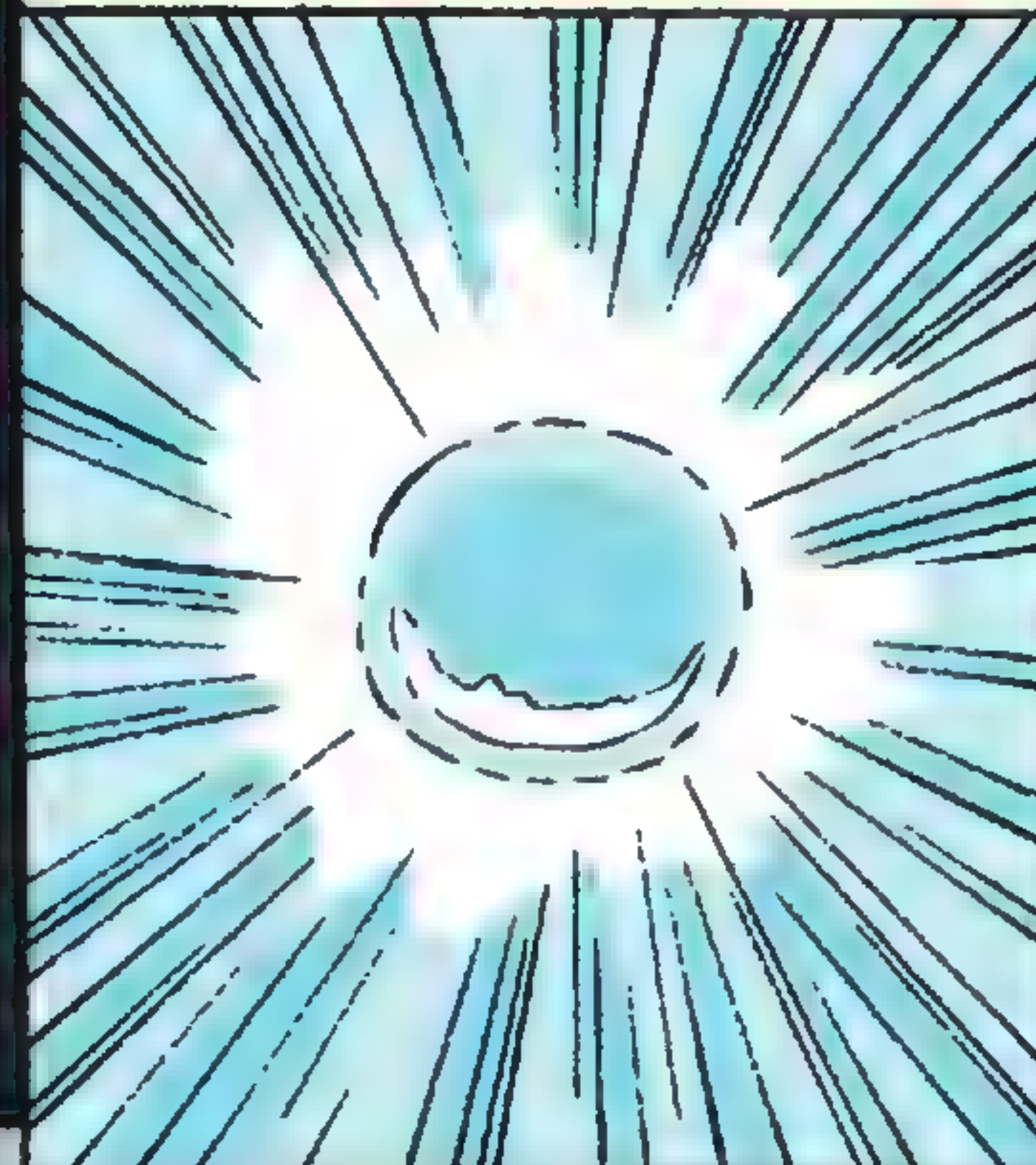
"AND IT WOULD BE LONGER STILL.
ROTOR HAD SPENT YEARS STRIVING TO
RECLAIM THE TECHNOLOGY THAT WAS
LOST WHEN NICOLE WAS DESTROYED DURING
THE DECISIVE BATTLE WITH ROBOTNIK. AND
NOW THAT WE'RE FINALLY TOGETHER AGAIN..



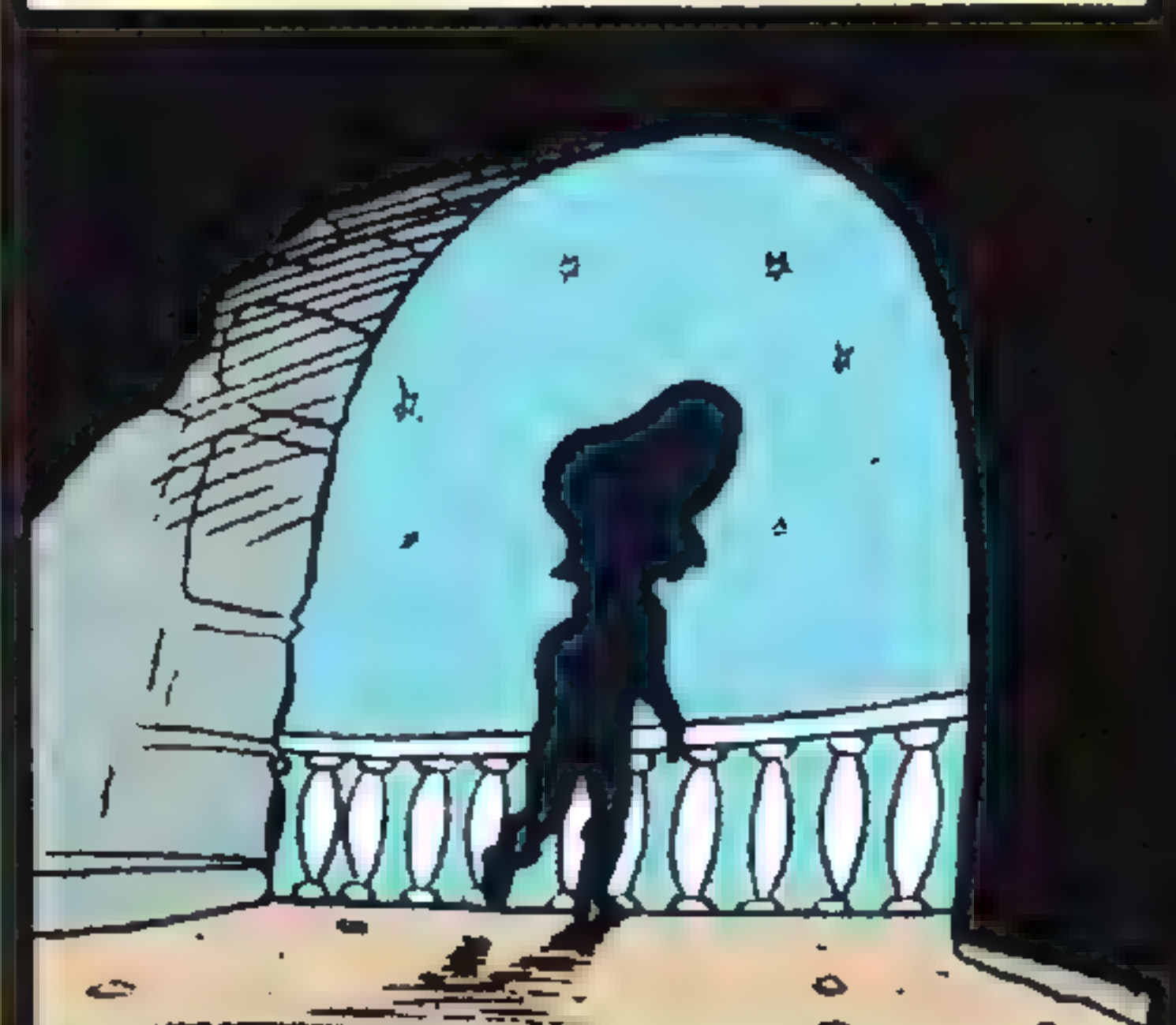
"...I MUST ONCE MORE
SAY GOOD-BYE.

"EVER SINCE THE DIS-
COVERY OF THE TRANS-
TIME PORTAL, I KNEW
WHERE NICOLE HAD
COME FROM.

"SHE WAS A GIFT TO
MYSELF, FROM MYSELF..



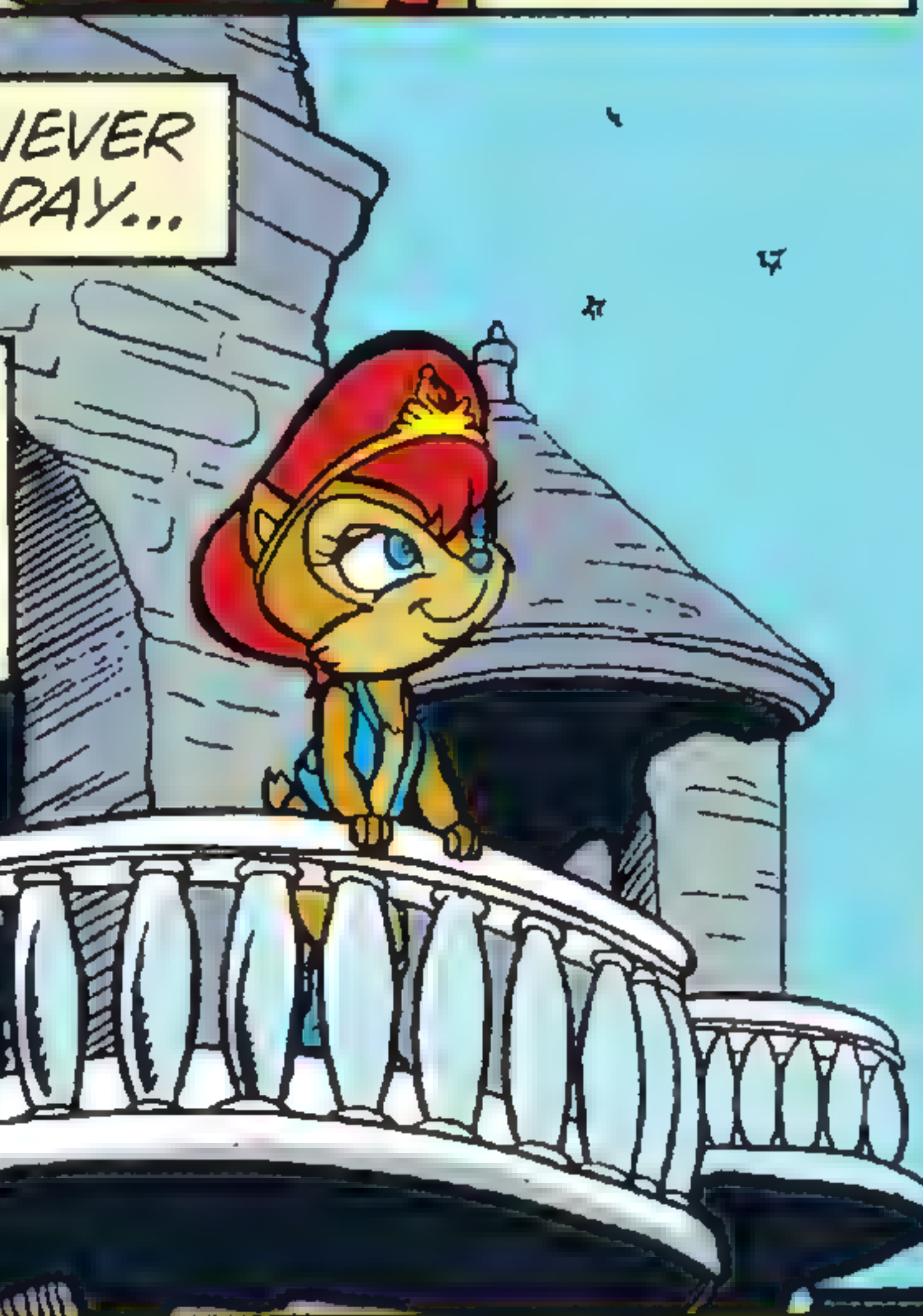
"AND WHY.



"A FRIEND, WHEN I
NEEDED ONE THE MOST.

"WITHOUT HER, I MIGHT NEVER
HAVE LIVED TO SEE THIS DAY...

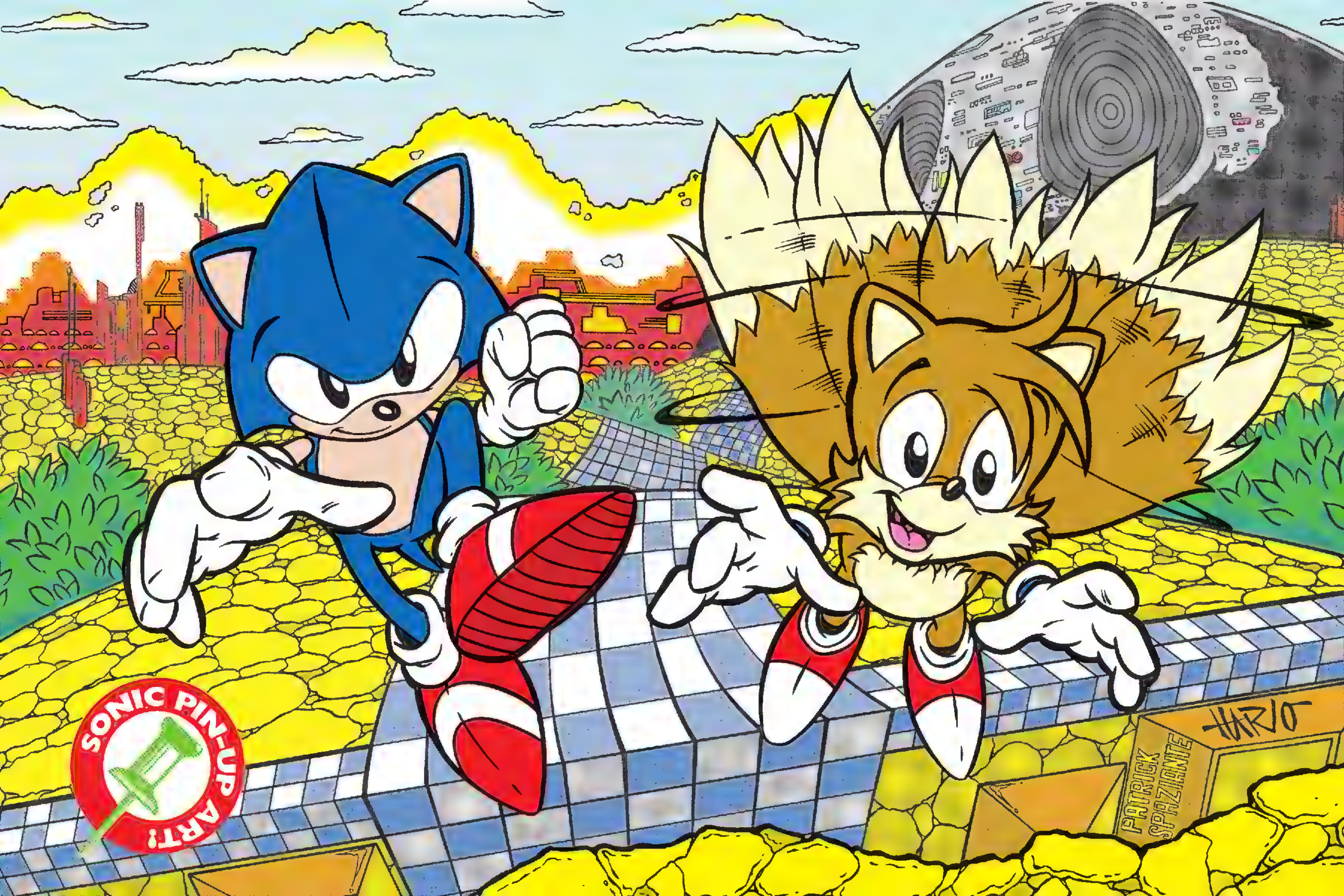
"OR TO FULLY APPRECIATE
JULAYLA'S PASSING, AND
THE SIX LITTLE WORDS
SHE LEFT BEHIND...



"TO THINE OWN
SELF BE TRUE."

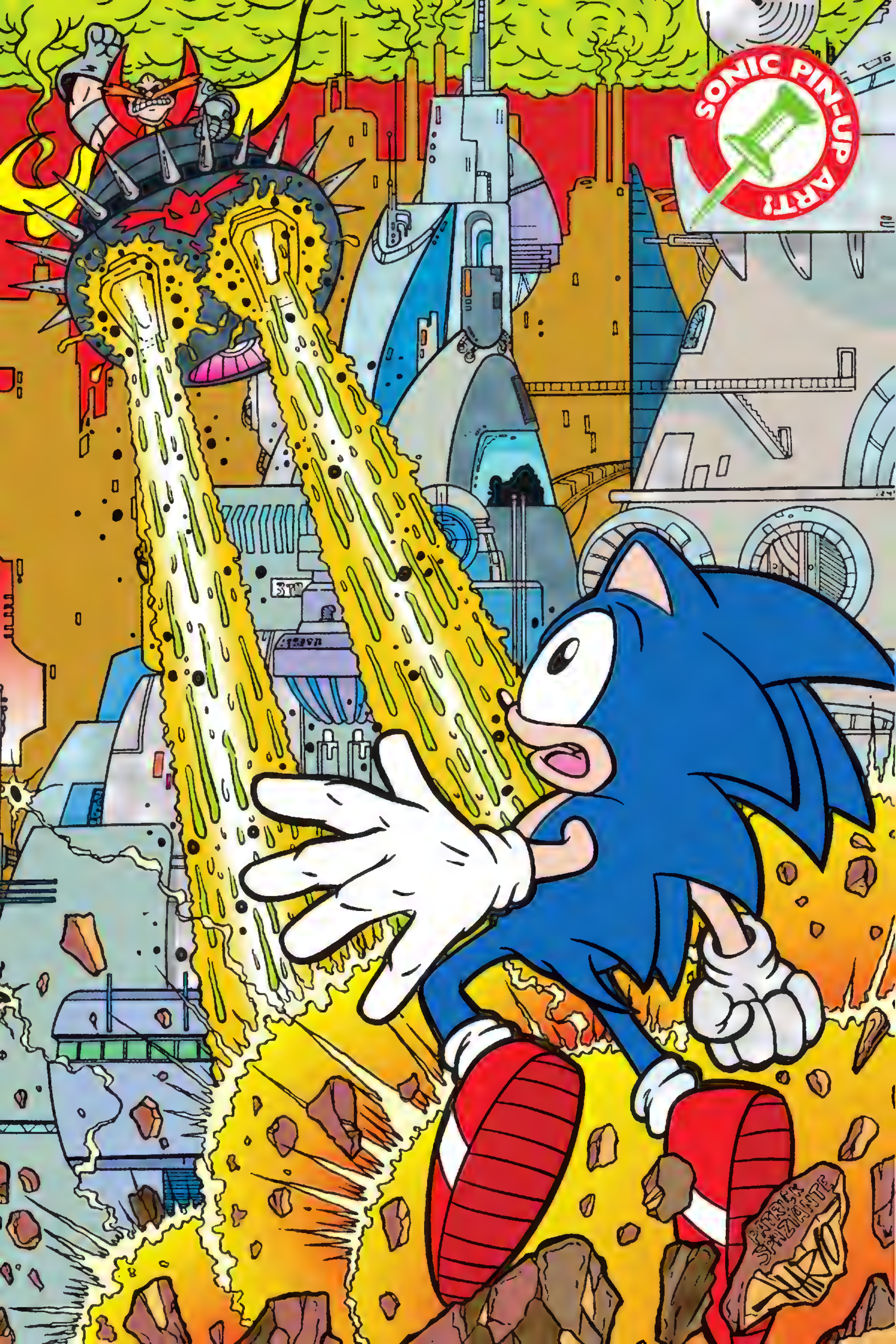


WAIT A MINUTE, SONIC FANS! IS THIS REALLY THE FUTURE OF THE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS, OR JUST ONE OF THE MANY POSSIBLE "FUTURES" OF OUR HEROES?!
KEEP READING FUTURE MONTHLY ISSUES OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG...
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT EXCITING ADVENTURES LAY AHEAD...!



SONIC PINUP ART!

HARLO
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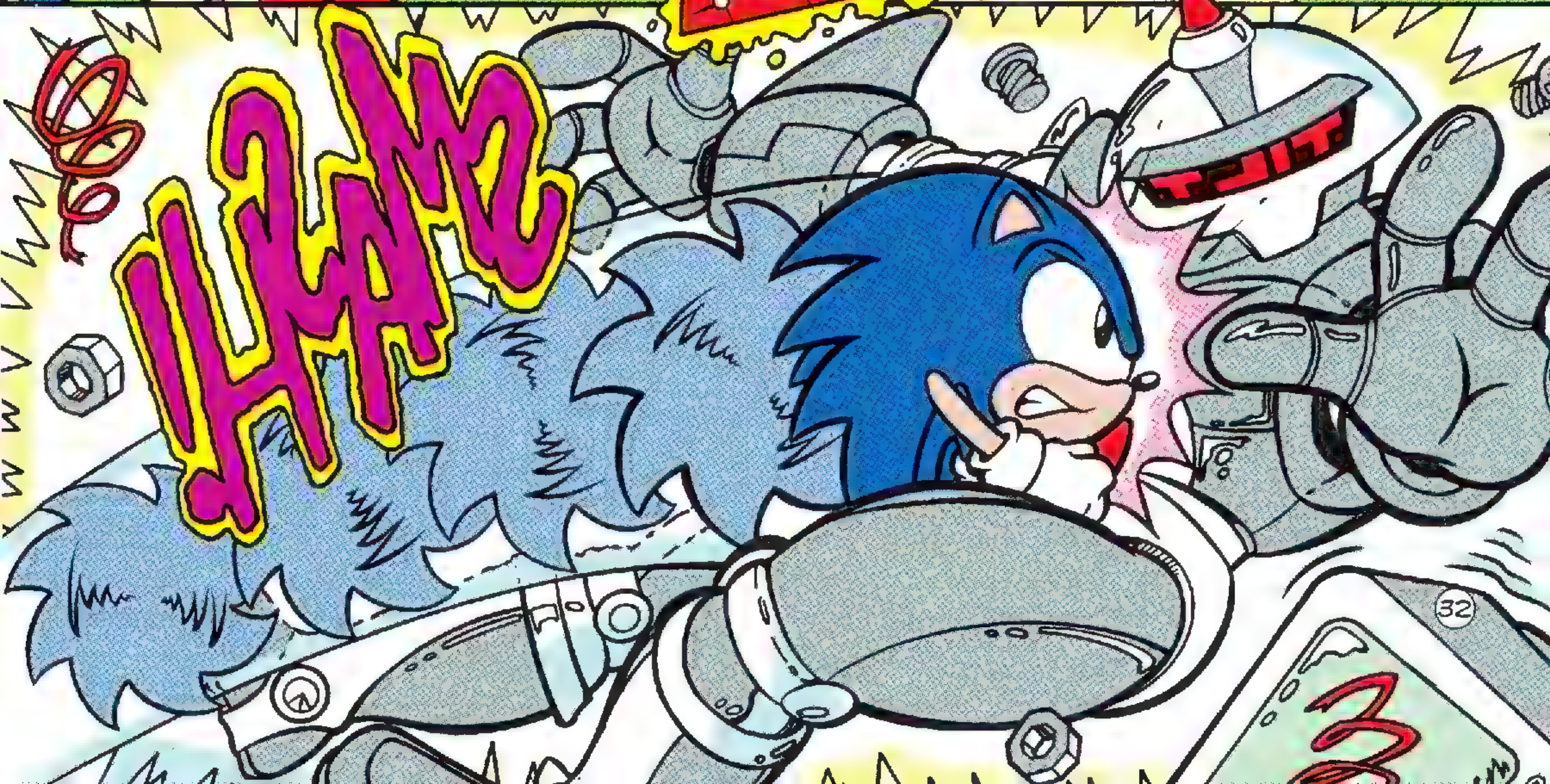
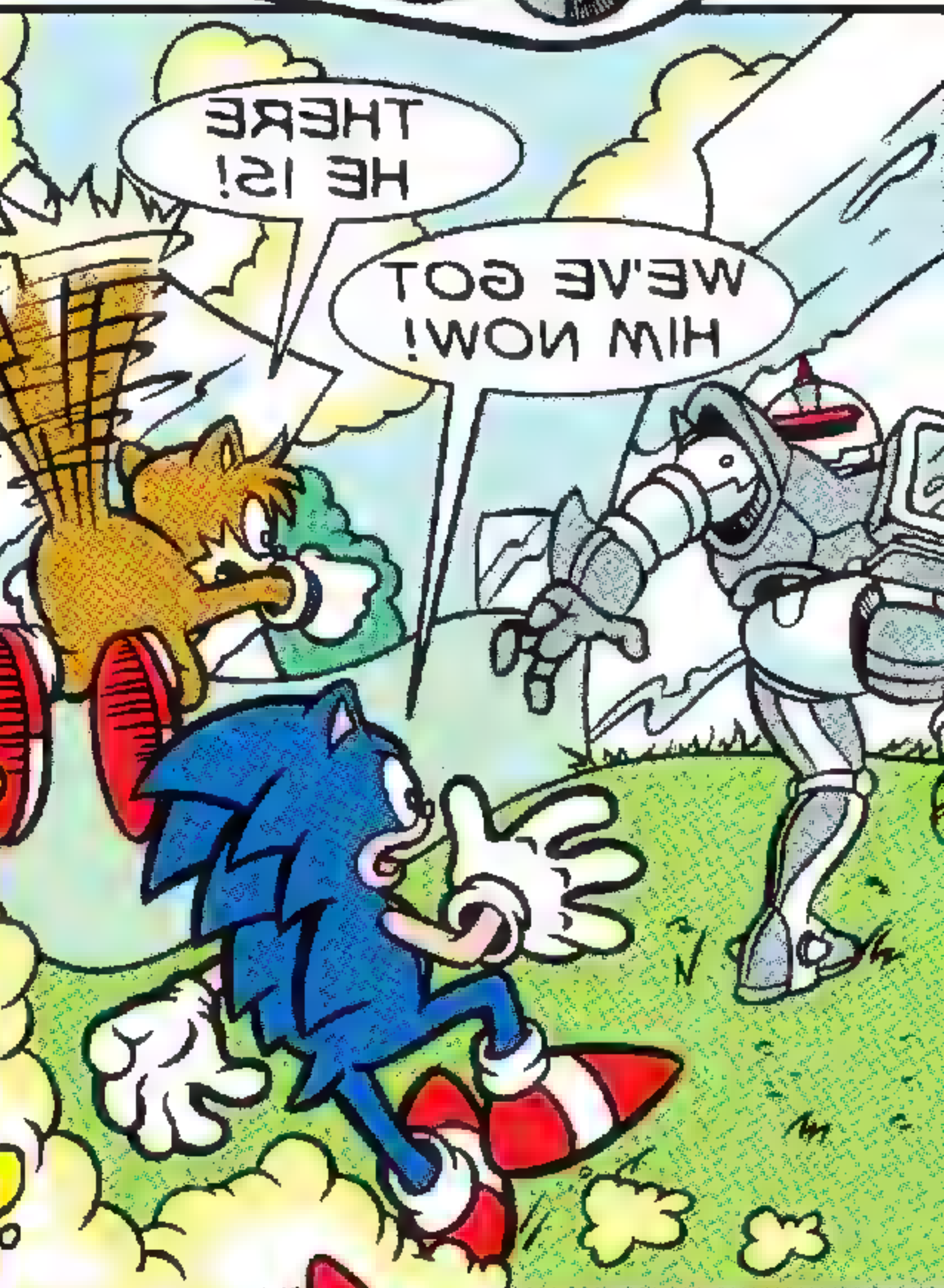


SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

THE MIRROR ZONE

HEY, SONIC FANS! SONIC AND TAILS ARE PURSUING A SWATBOT WHO IS DELIVERING A TOP-SECRET COMPUTER MESSAGE TO DR. ROBOTNIK! ONCE OUR HEROES ENTER THE MIRROR ZONE, YOU CAN READ THEIR SCRAMBLED WORDS BY HOLDING THESE STORY PAGES UP TO A MIRROR!

HAVE FUN!





AND I'VE GOT HIM, TAILS!

UNIT, SONIC! I'VE GOT THE MESSAGE - THE MECHA!

CRASH!



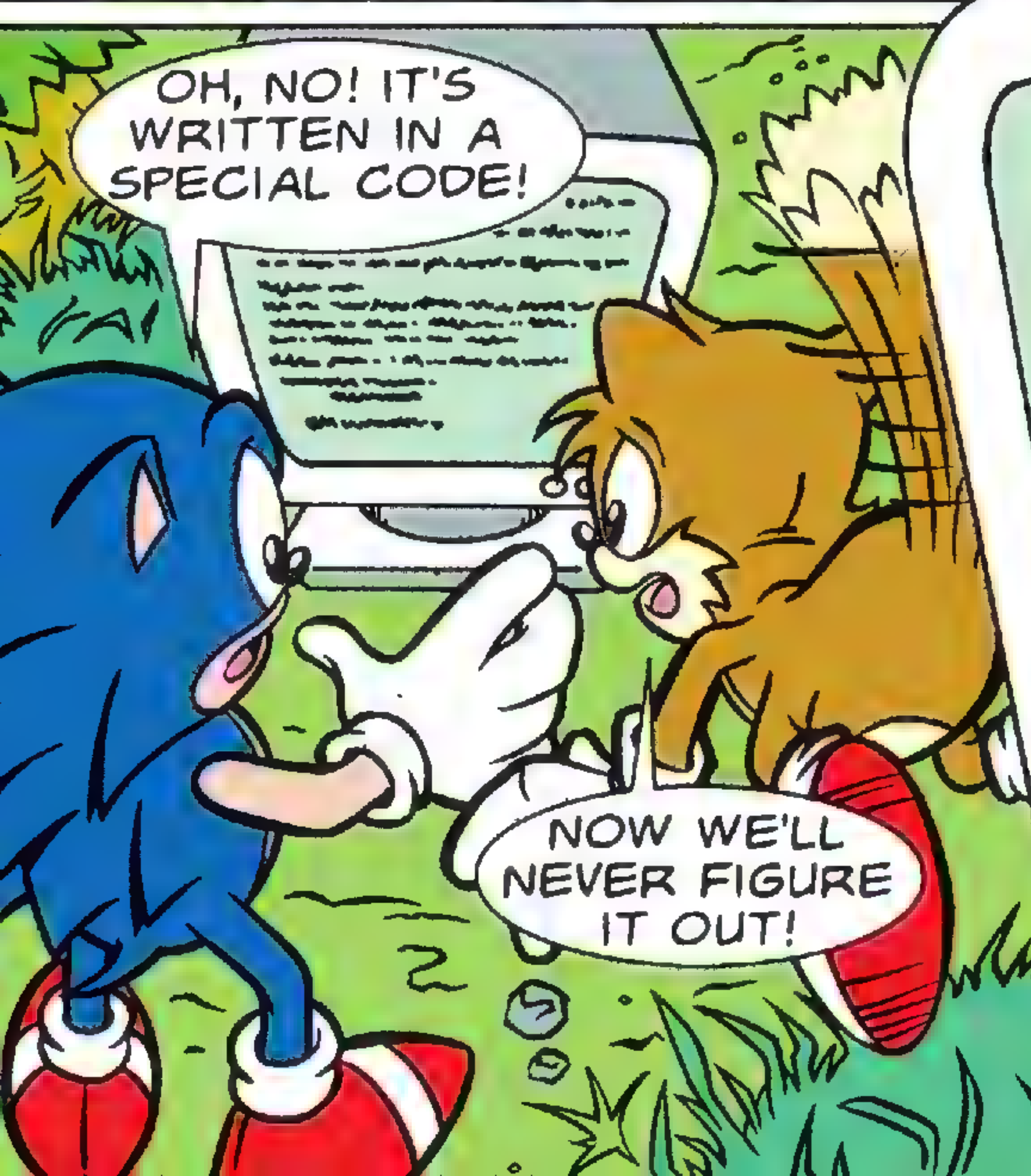
MESSAGE SAYS! THE SECRET LETS SEE WHAT, SONIC, HEY!

WE'LL READ IT BE LOOKING FOR IT! NO TIME, TAILS! ROBOTNIK'S GONNA



I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS PLACE!

HEY, KIDS YOU CAN FIGURE THIS SECRET MESSAGE OUT BY PUTTING IT UP TO YOUR MIRROR AGAIN!



OH, NO! IT'S WRITTEN IN A SPECIAL CODE!

NOW WE'LL NEVER FIGURE IT OUT!



THE NO ROOM, ROOM
FROM THE 2'OHW, JAW
MENT TO TRAYT JIVE
ISJA
T238MUD 3HT 2'OHW ONA...
HEBEBHO OF THEM ALLS!
38 NAC T2AF 2A T2AF
IEM TAF3AD A3VEN J'UOY
TA ANIHOOJ 2383H
I3IND2 JUDY
HINTOBOR OUI



PRESENTING,
IN HIS VERY FIRST
SOLO STORY...

SONIC'S PAL
TAILS



in: "TAILS' TALLEST TALE"

HEY, NICE
LOGO!

THIS PART OF THE FOREST IS SO THICK, I CAN'T FLY BY TAIL-POWER! NO WONDER I'M SO LATE!

I'LL BET THIS NEVER HAPPENS TO SONIC!

SPEAKING OF SONIC, BEING HIS SIDEKICK DOES HAVE CERTAIN ADVANTAGES...

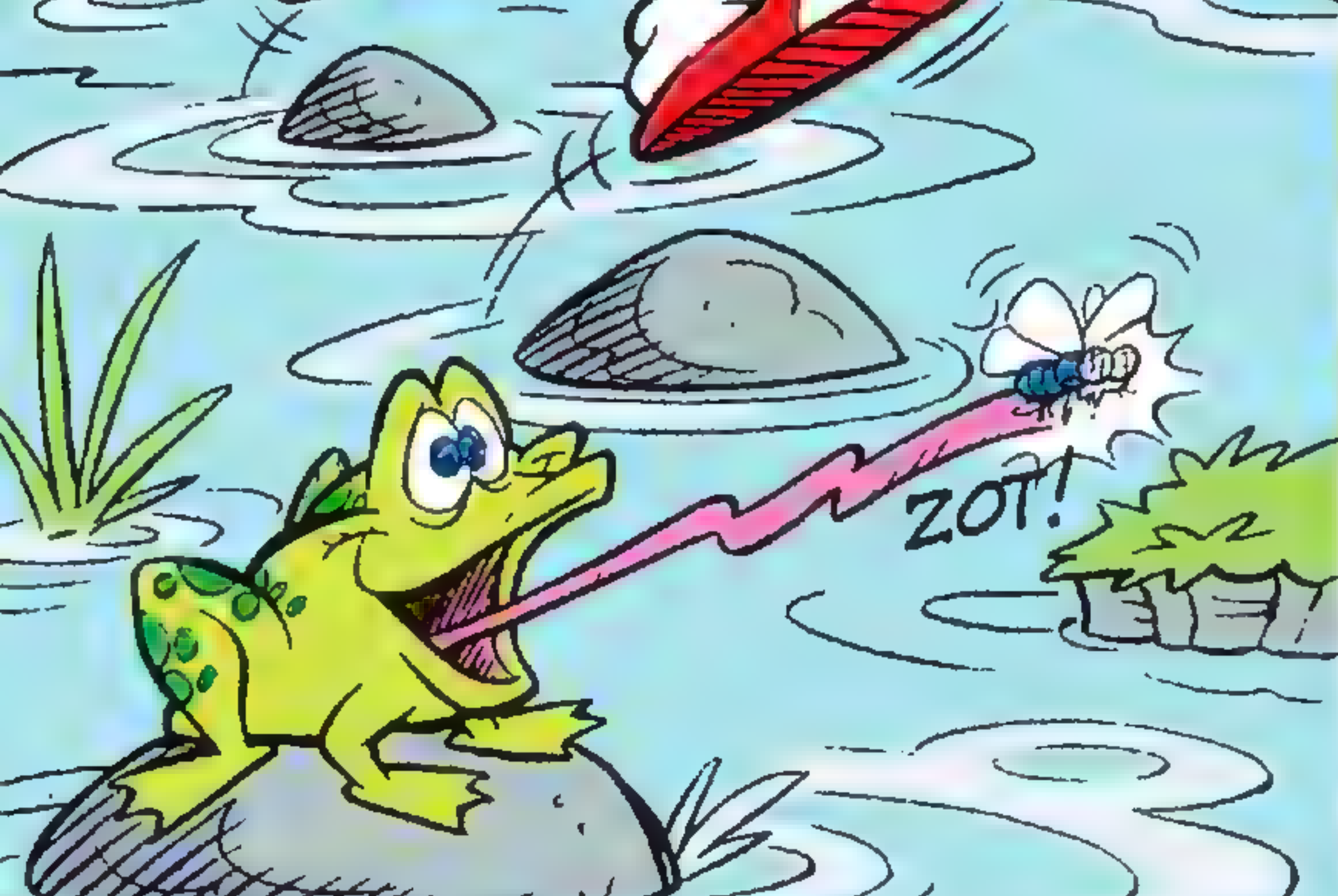
... LIKE GETTING INVITED TO BE THE SPECIAL GUEST OF THE LOCAL SONIC FAN CLUB'S BIG CONVENTION!



I GUESS THEY WANT A REAL HERO TYPE FOR THEIR--

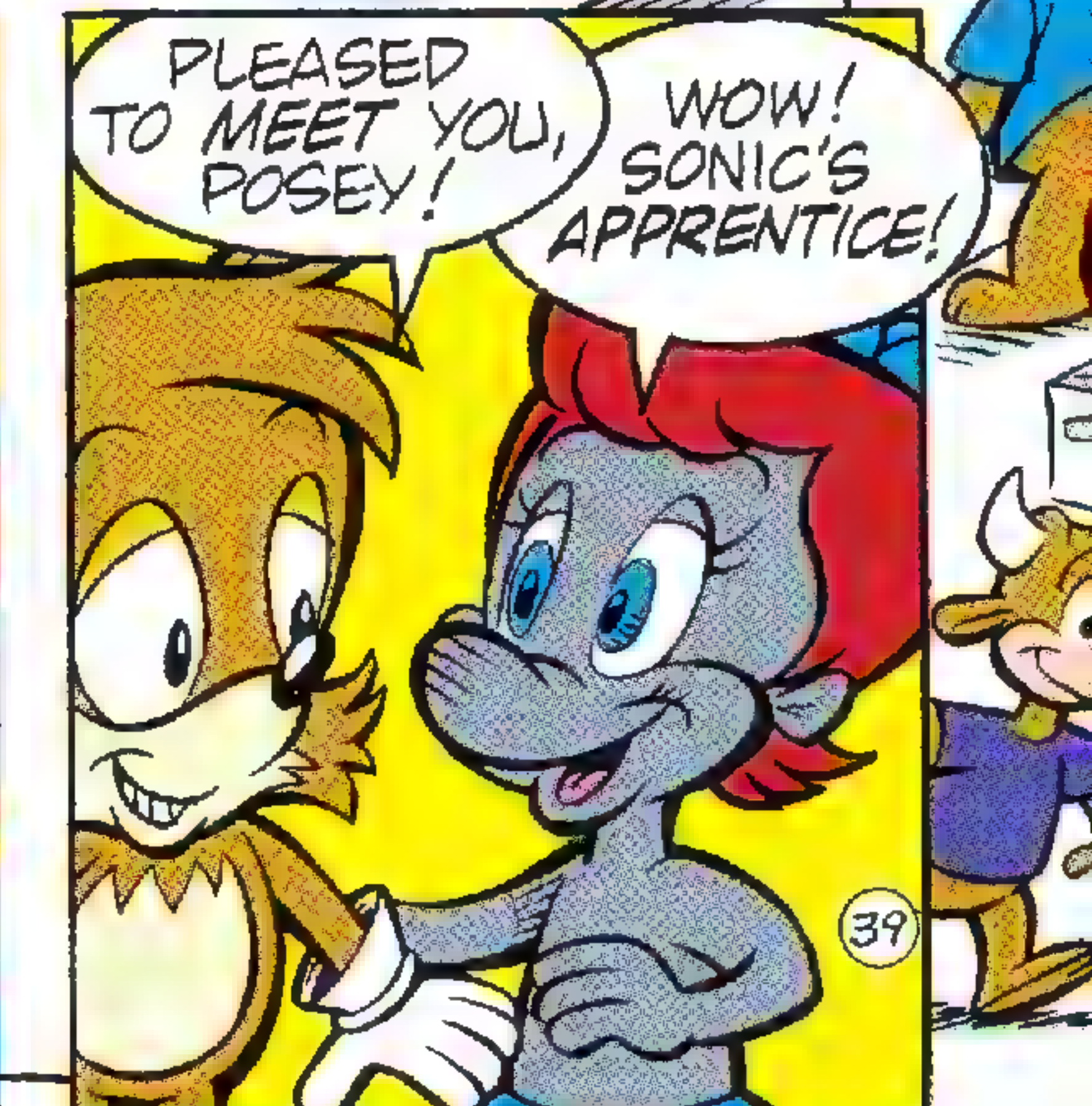
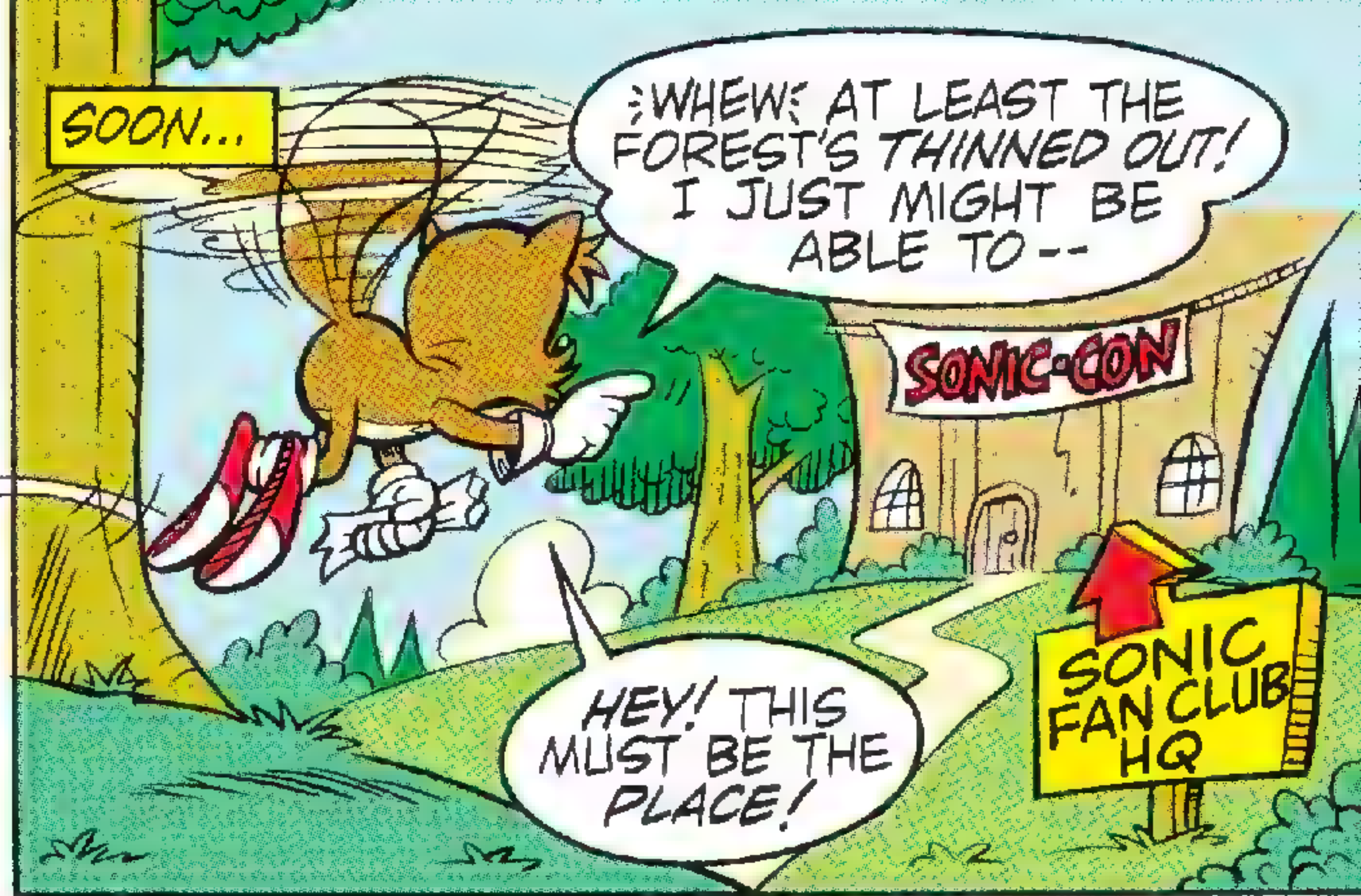
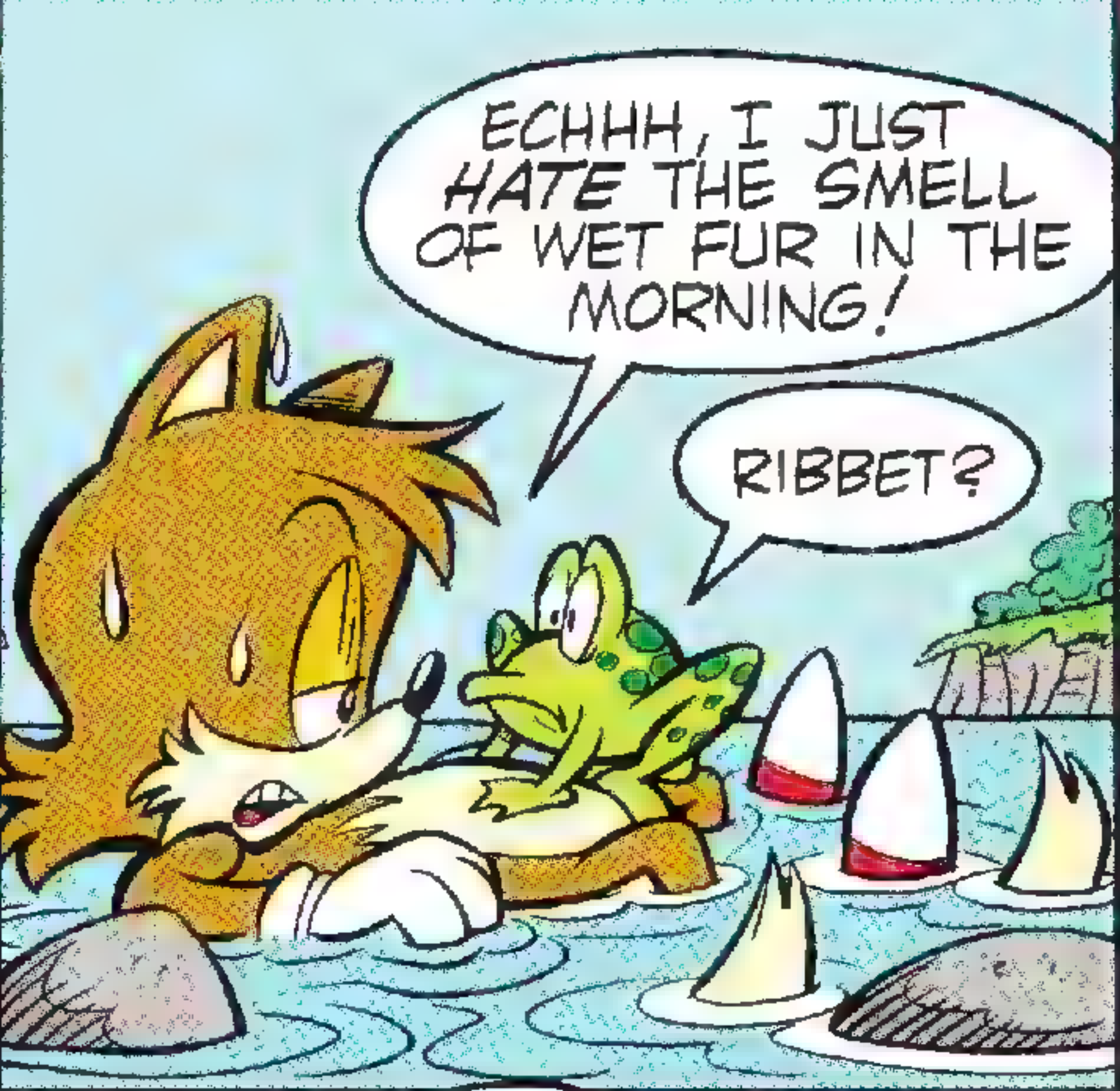
RIBBET!!

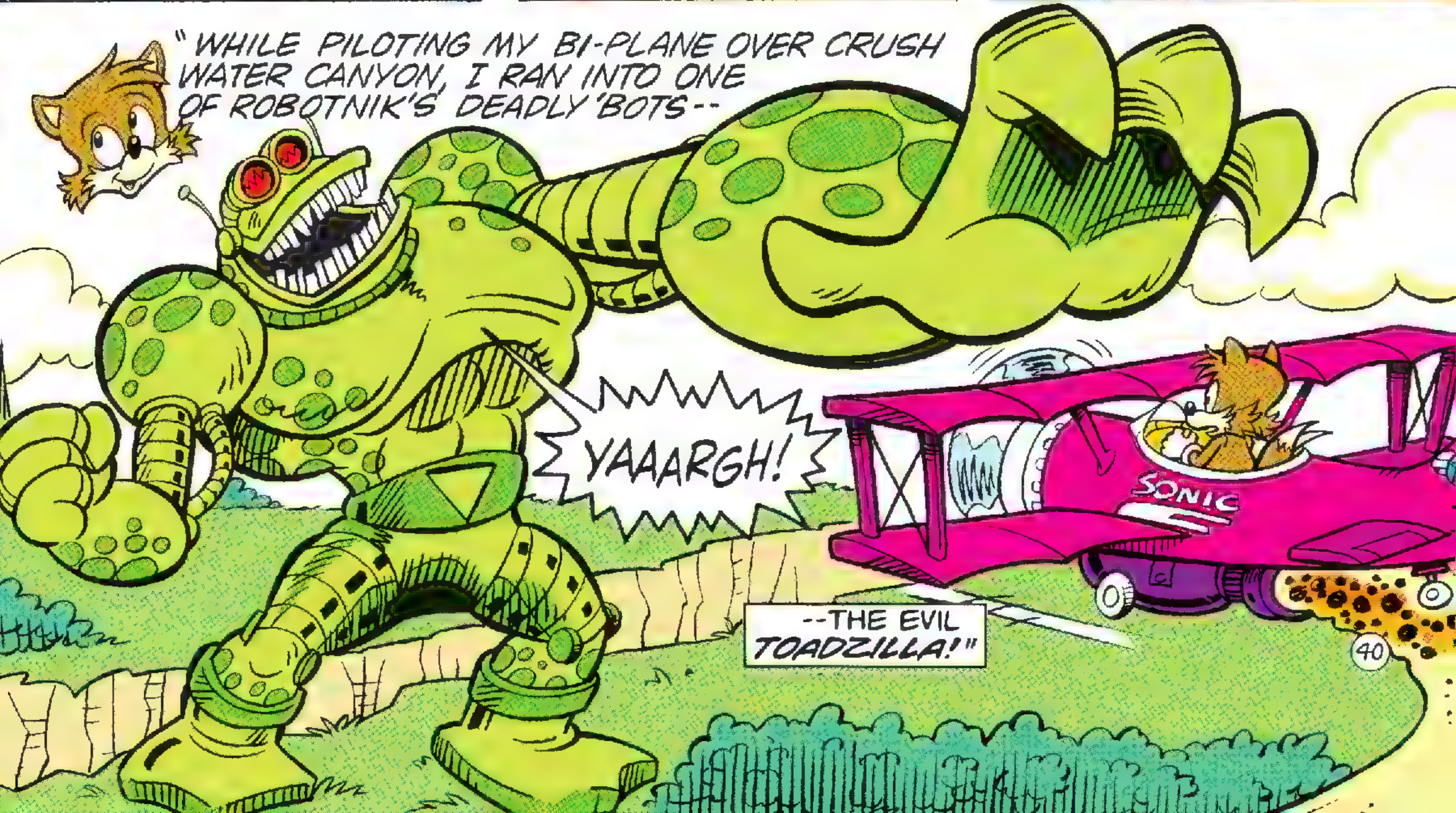
YEOWWW!!!



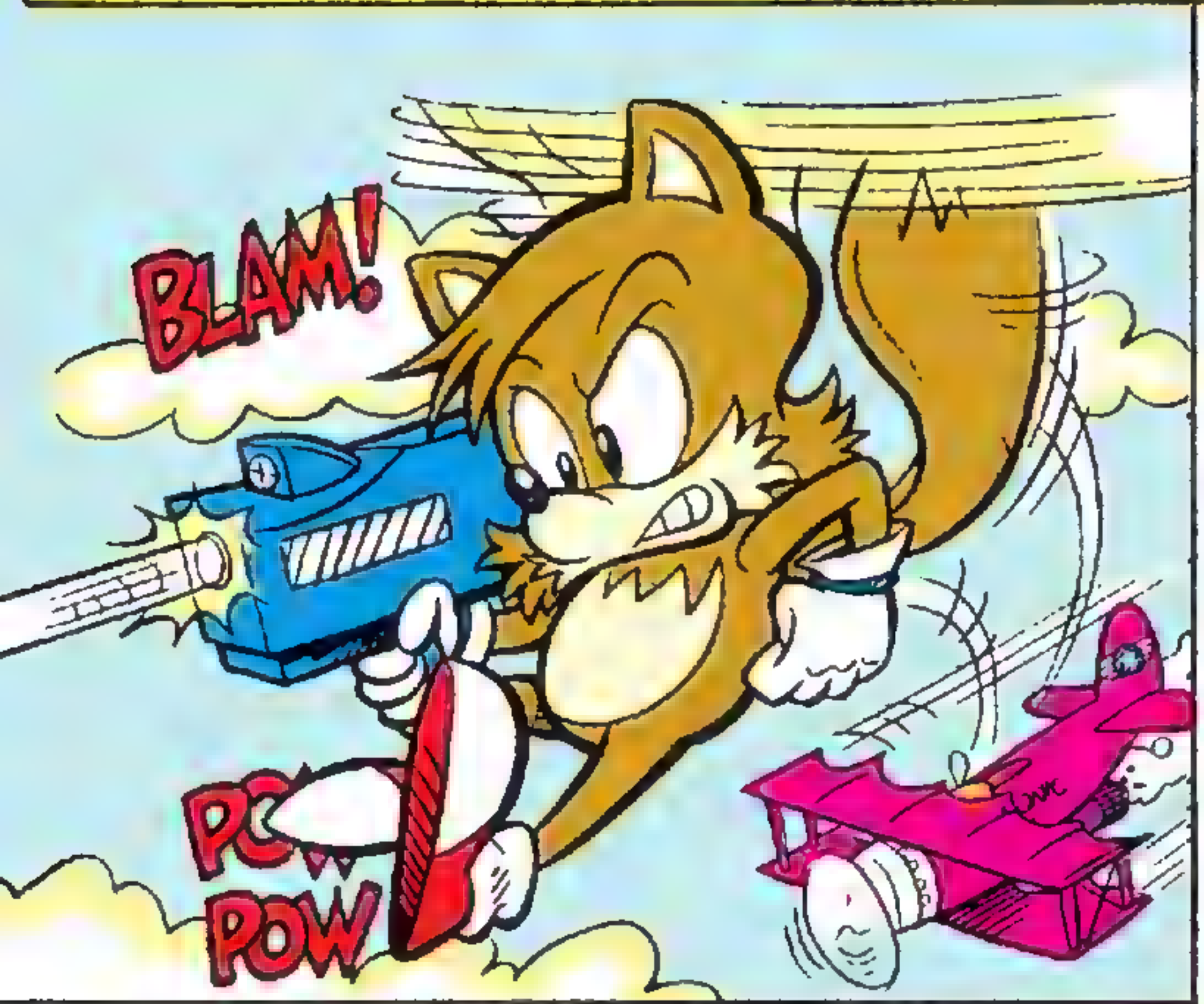
OOOOOPS!

SPLOOSH!





"I LEAPT FROM MY PLANE IN A LAST MINUTE EFFORT TO DEMOLISH THE GIANT!"



"EXHAUSTING MY AMMO, I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT DIRECTLY-- FOX TO TOAD!"

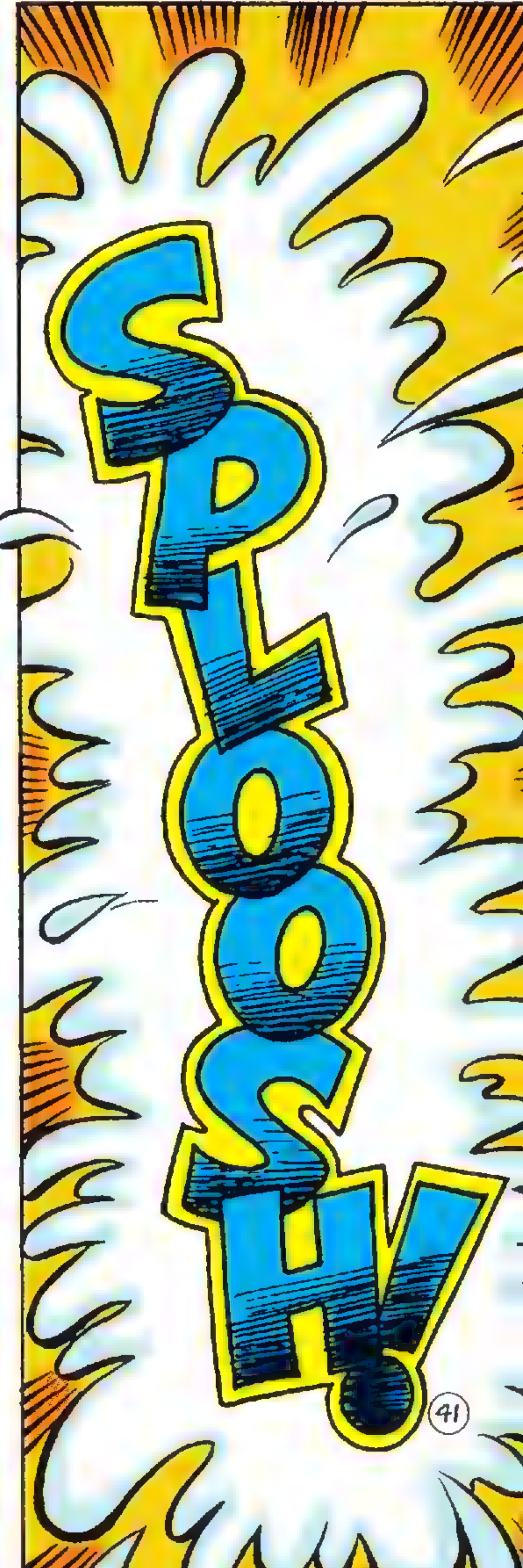
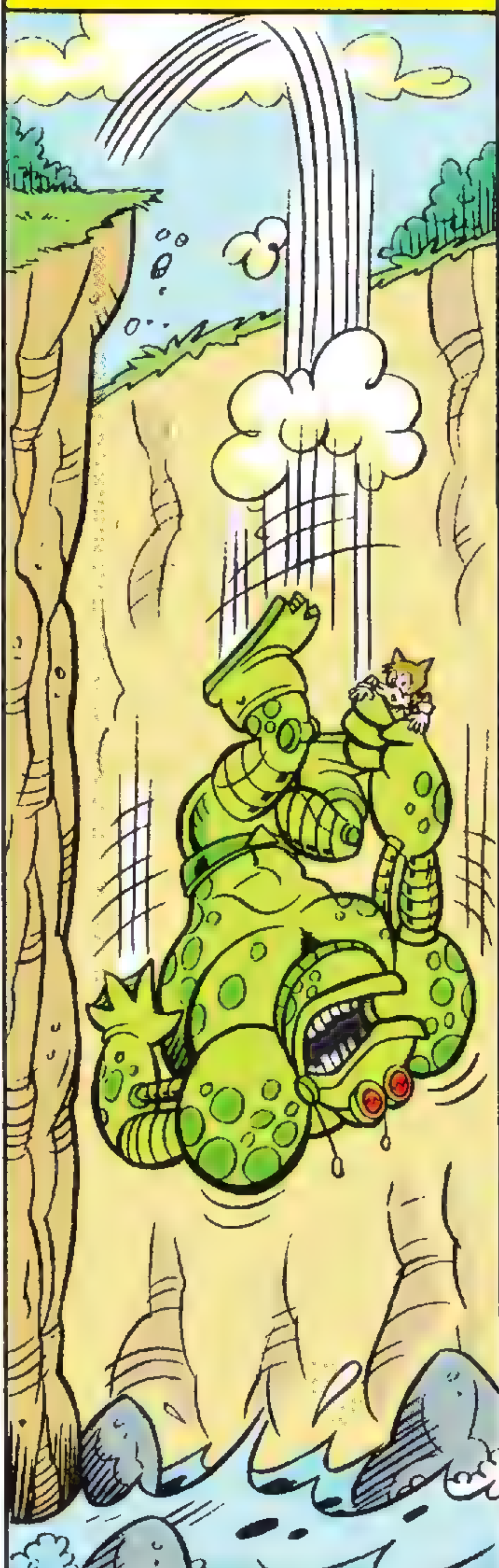
"I DEALT A MIGHTY BLOW, AND JUST THEN, THE CLIFF COLLAPSED!"

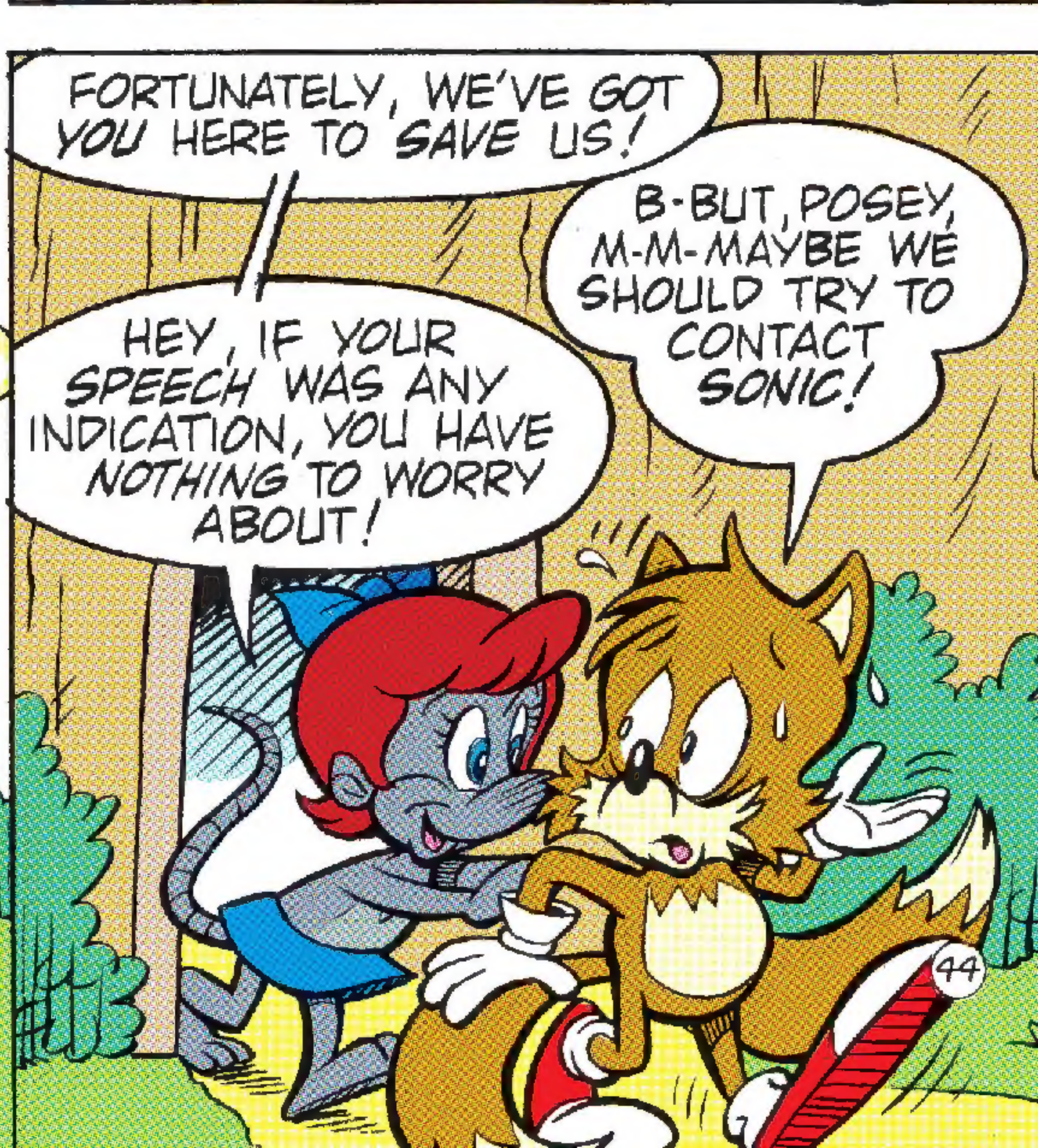
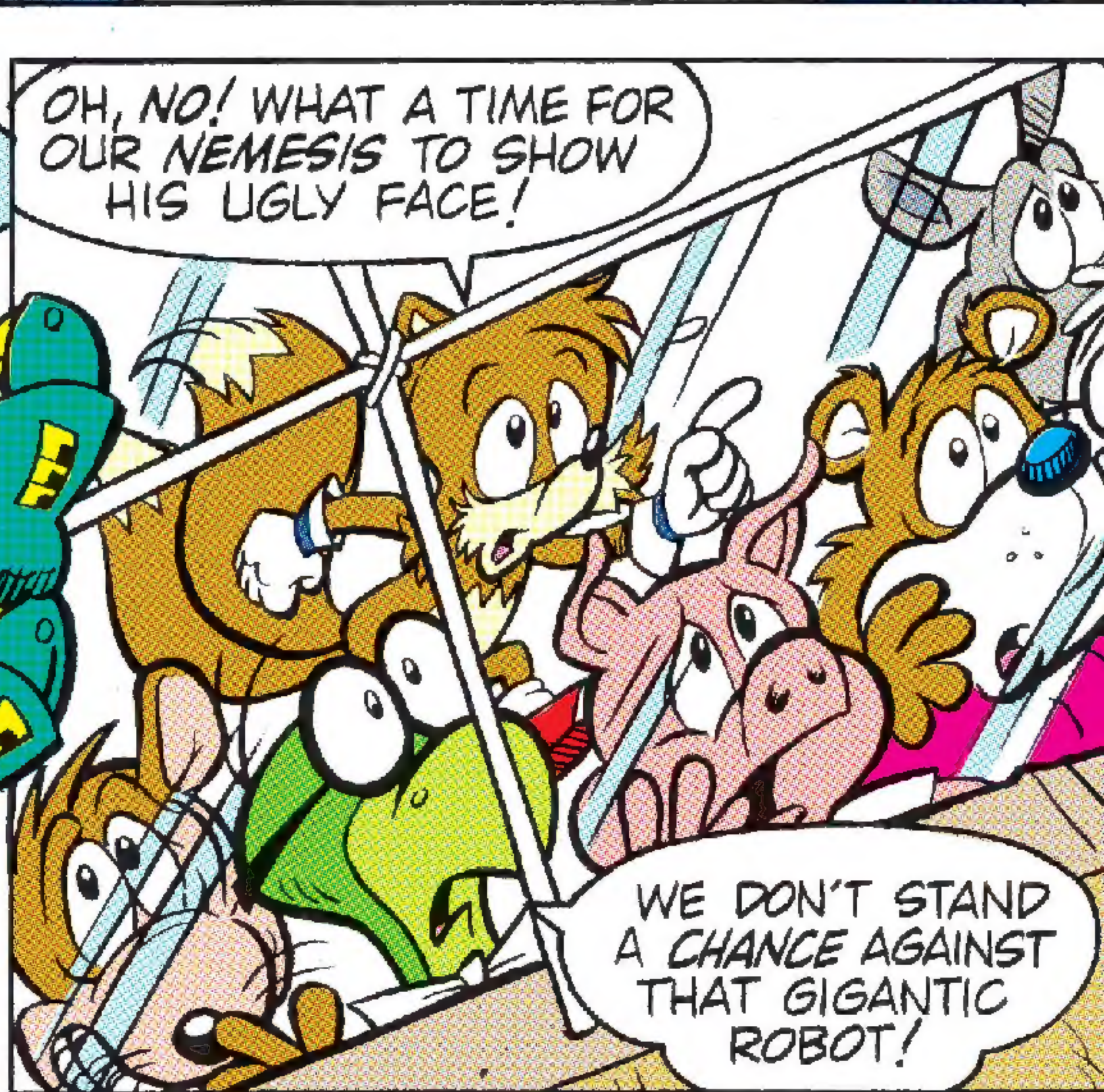
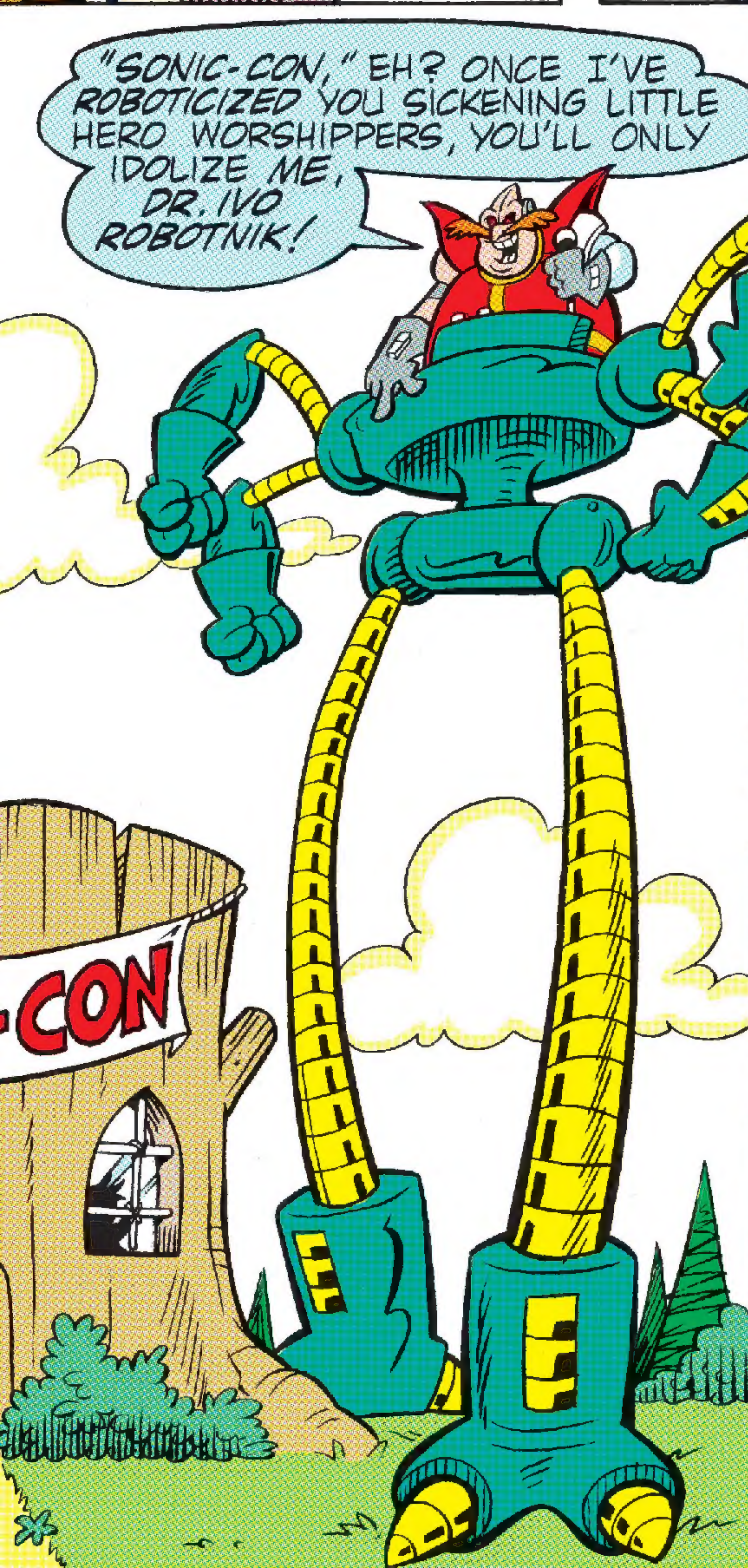
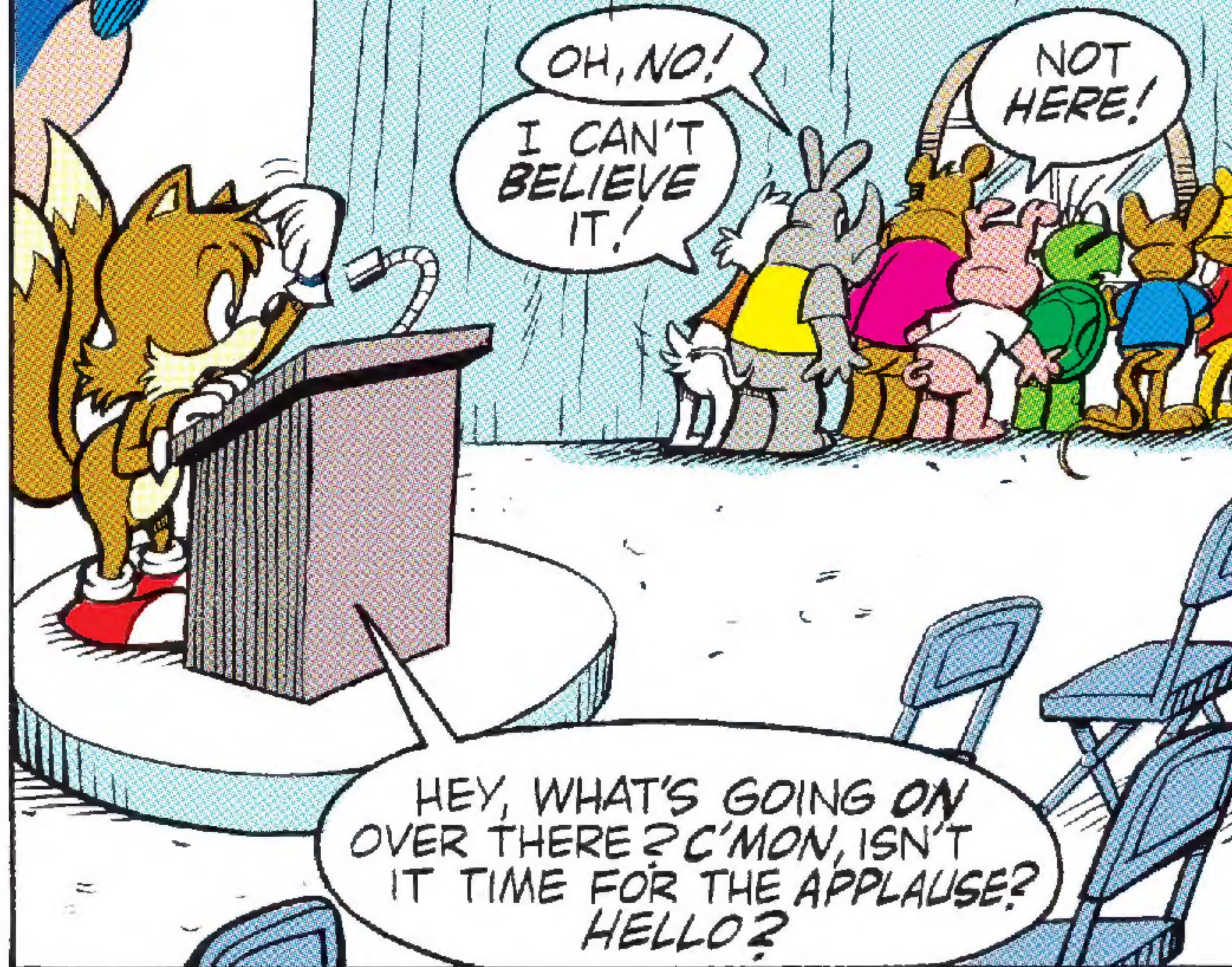


EAT FOX-FIST, TOADZILLA!

"LOCKED IN A DEATH GRIP--"

"--WE FELL INTO THE WATERS OF THE RIVER!"

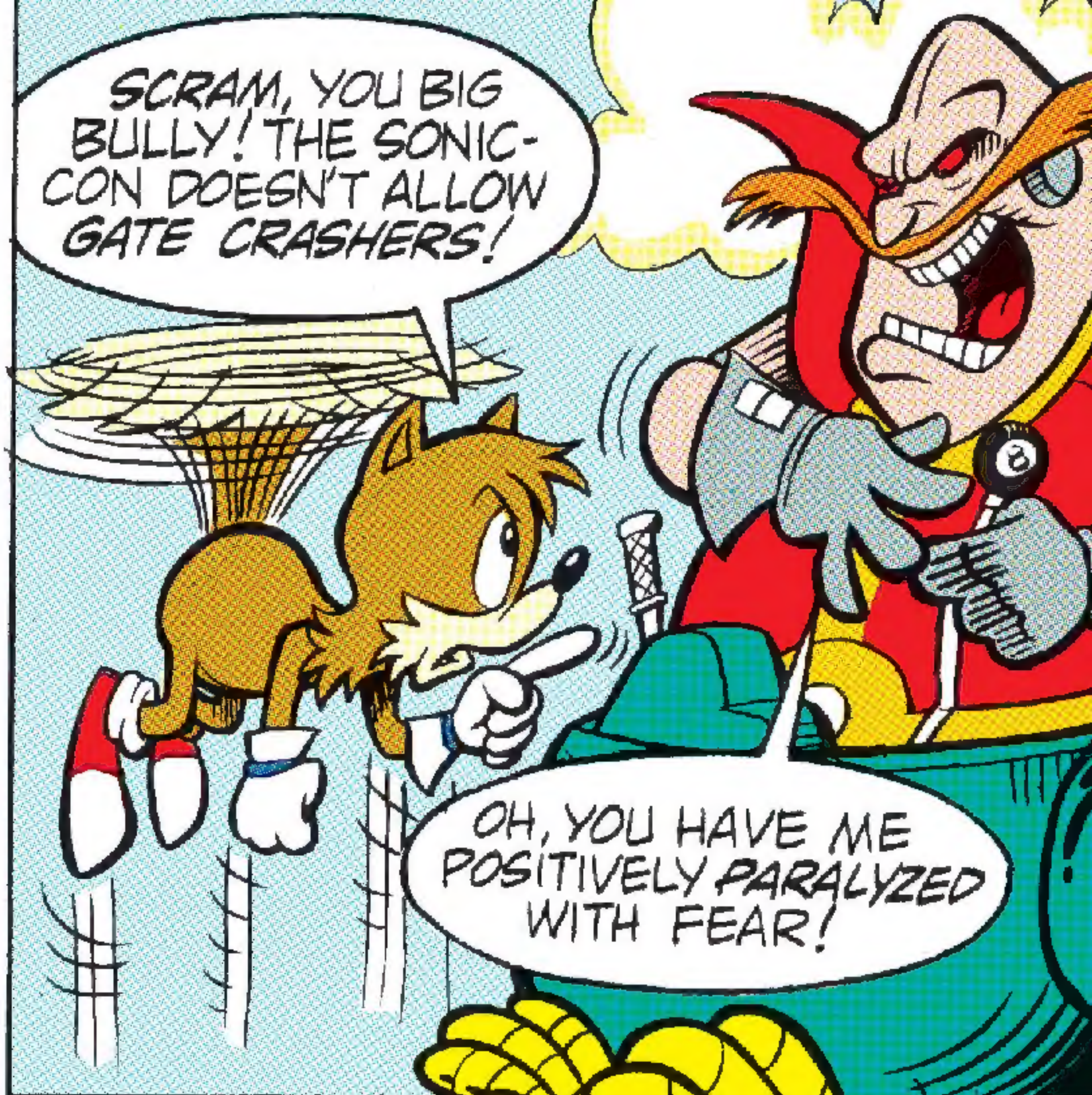






EGAD! DO MY EYES DECEIVE ME, OR DO I SPY THAT INFERNAL HEDGEHOG'S BRATTY APPRENTICE?

THE NAME IS TAILS, ROBOTNIK!

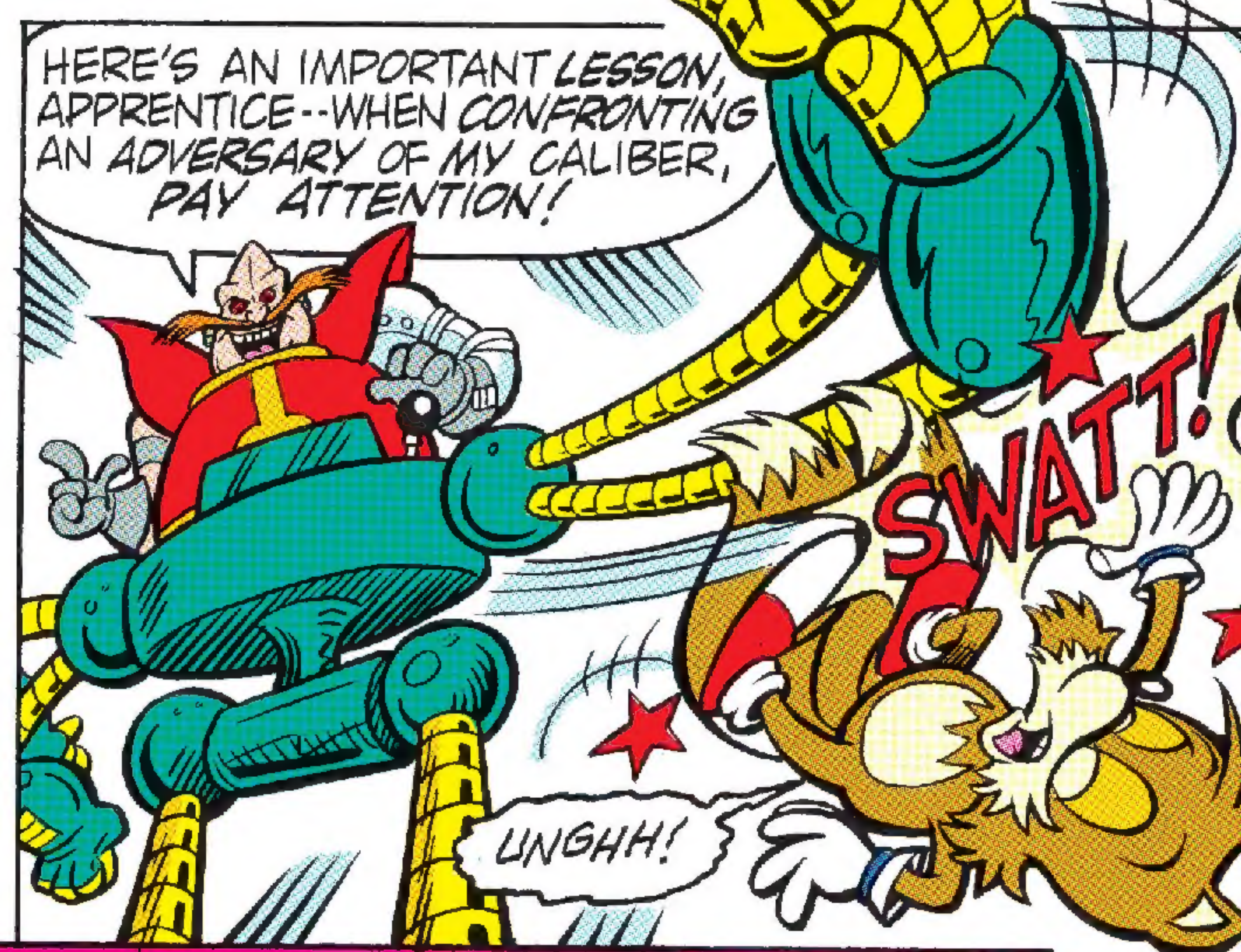


SCRAM, YOU BIG BULLY! THE SONIC-CON DOESN'T ALLOW GATE CRASHERS!

OH, YOU HAVE ME POSITIVELY PARALYZED WITH FEAR!



GEE, I'M DOING OKAY! I HOPE THAT POSEY IS WATCHING ALL OF THIS!

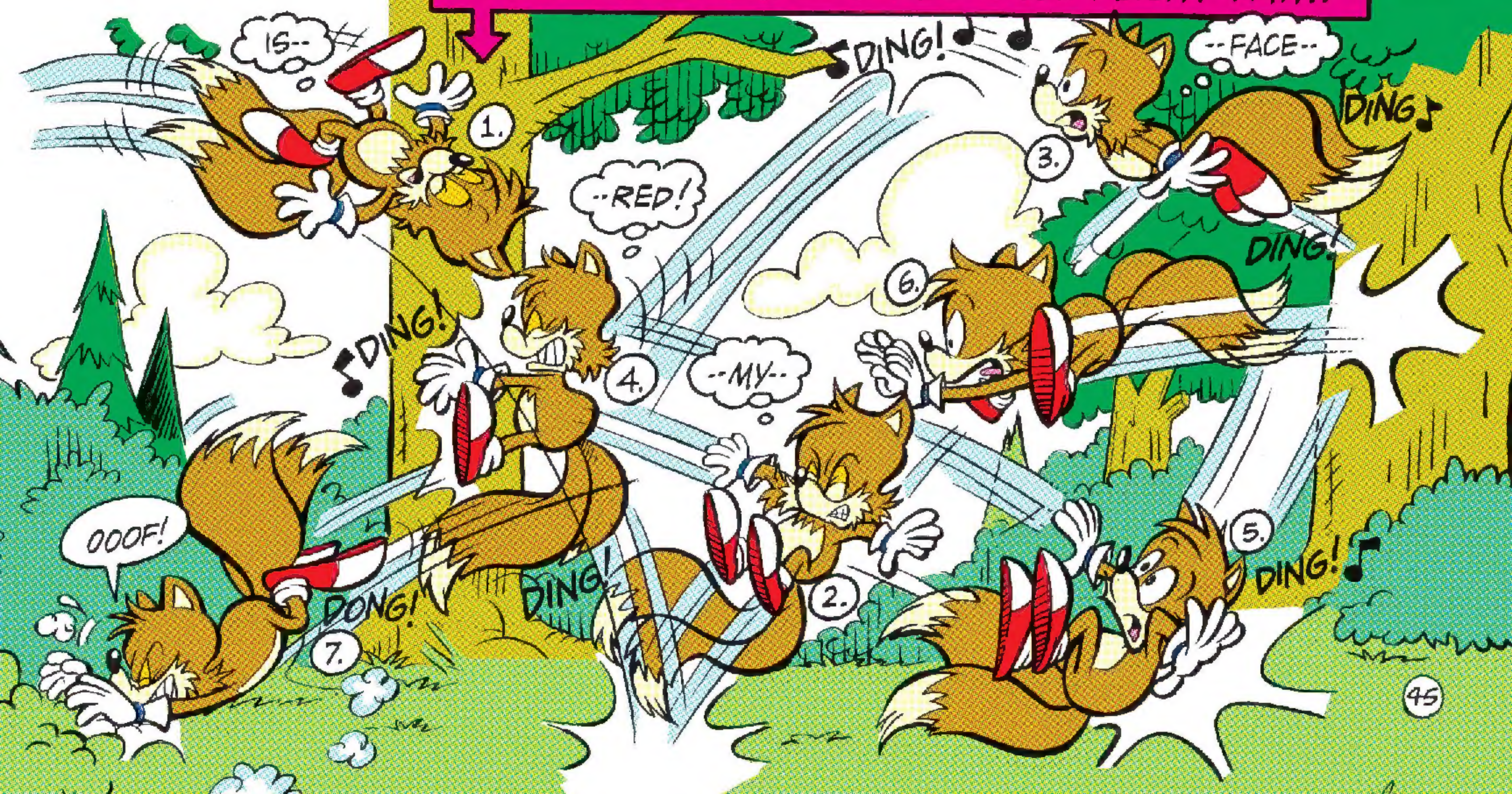


HERE'S AN IMPORTANT LESSON, APPRENTICE--WHEN CONFRONTING AN ADVERSARY OF MY CALIBER, PAY ATTENTION!

UNGH!

SWATT!

FOLLOW THE NUMBERS TO VIEW TAILS' FLIGHT PATH!



IS--

1.

--RED!

DING!

--FACE--

DING!

DING!

4.

--MY--

6.

DING!

OOOF!

DONG!

DING!

2.

6.

DING!

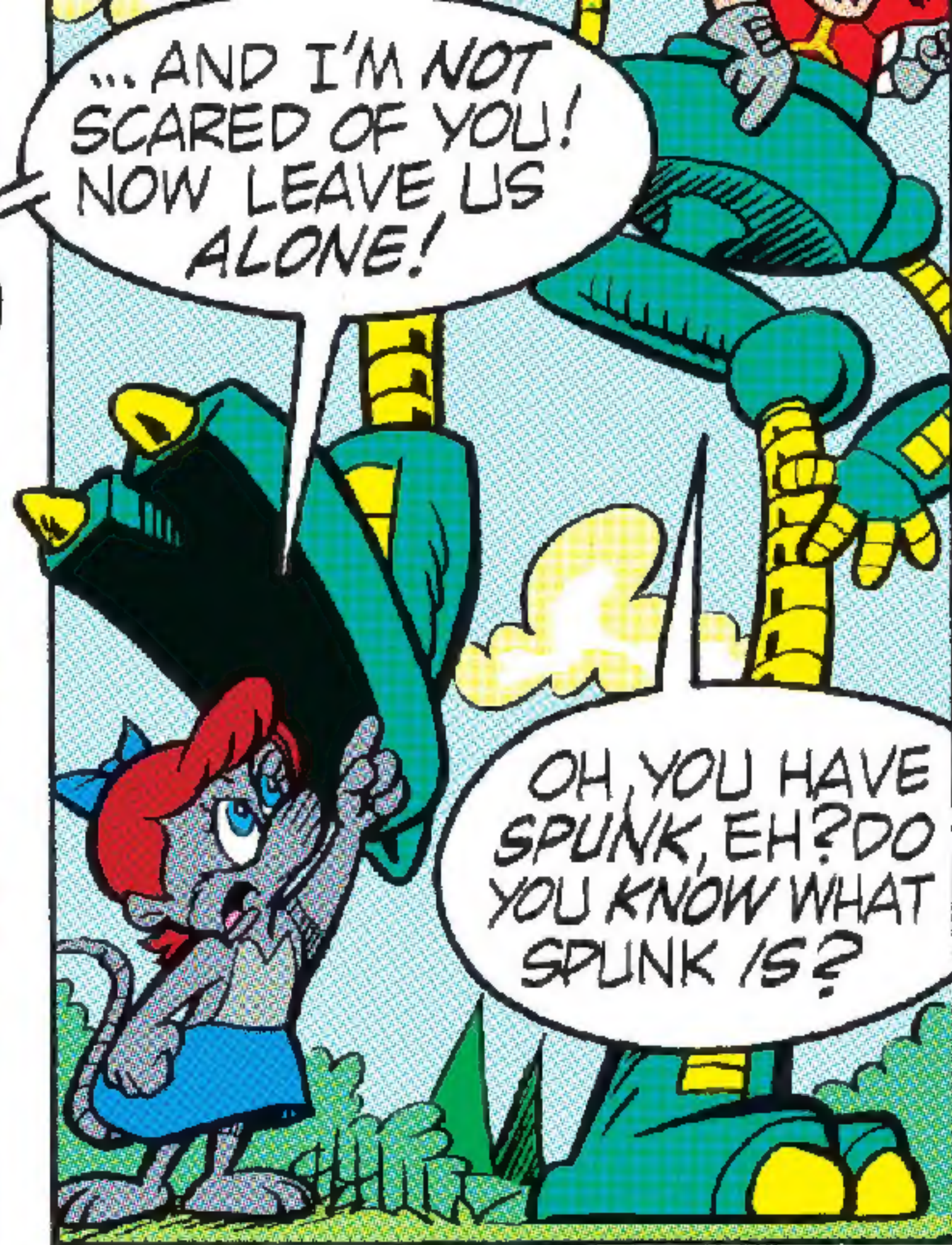
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TAILS! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? SPEAK TO US!

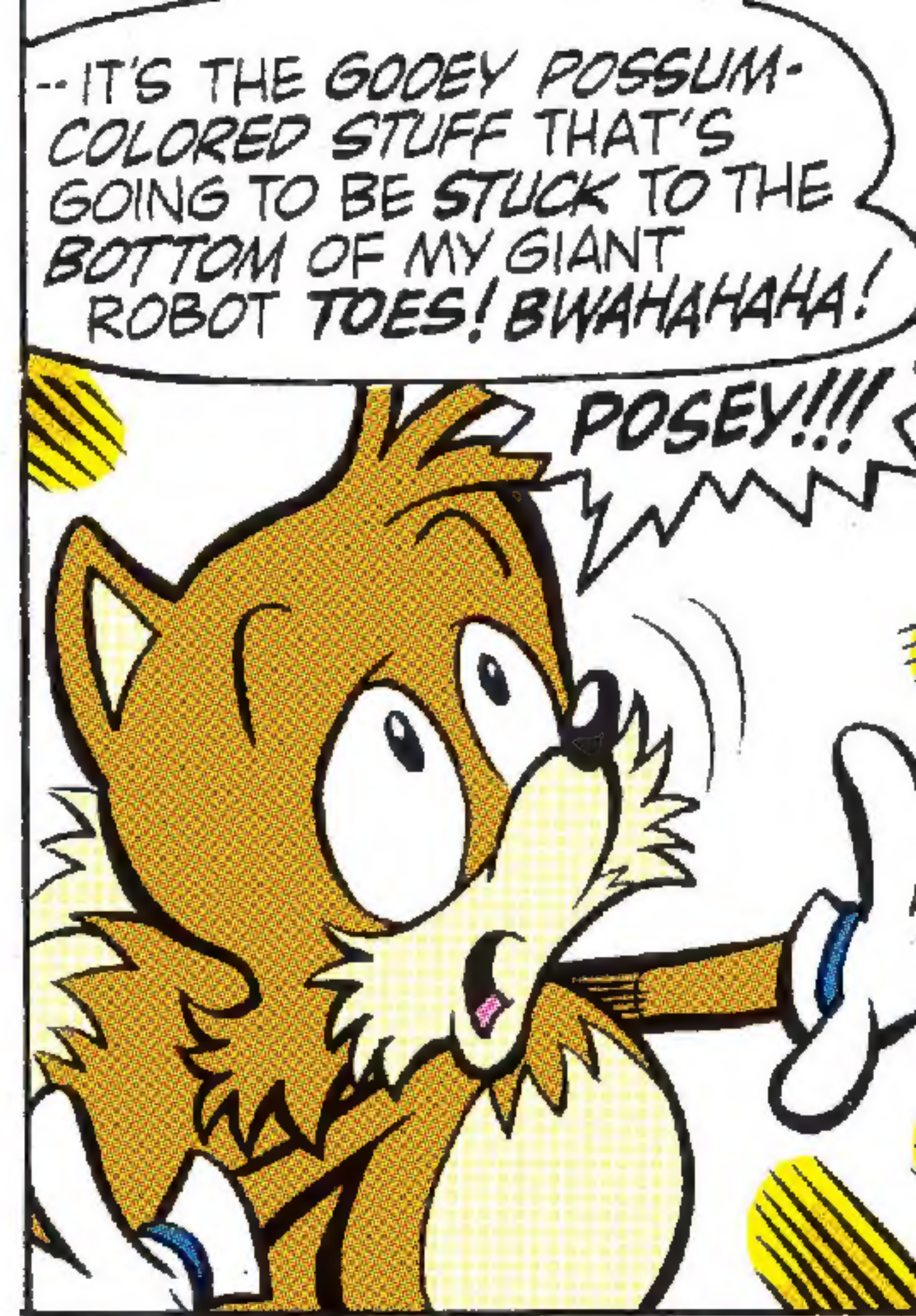
I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU, DR. ROBOTNIK...

...POSEY...?



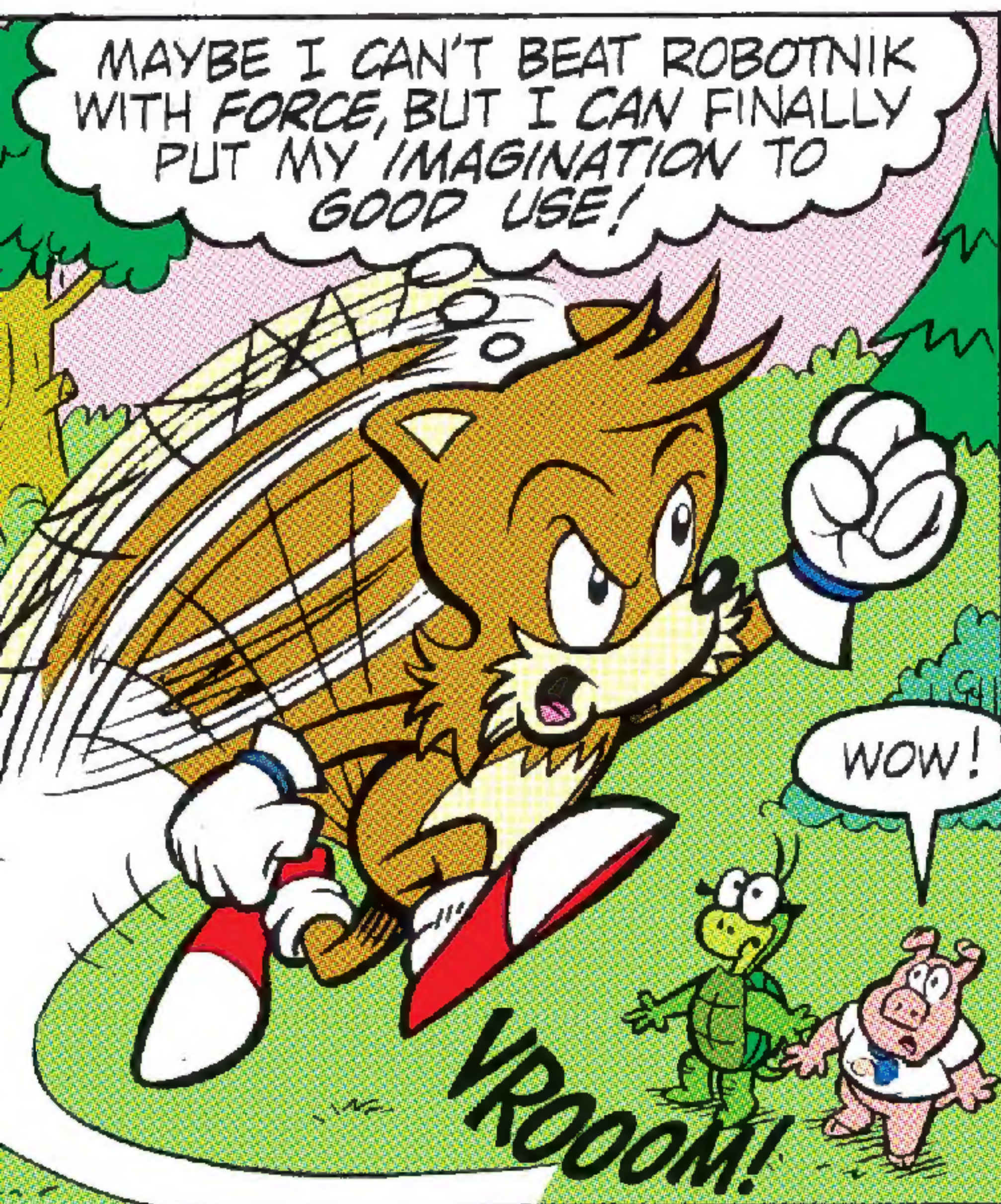
... AND I'M NOT SCARED OF YOU! NOW LEAVE US ALONE!

OH, YOU HAVE SPUNK, EH? DO YOU KNOW WHAT SPUNK IS?



-- IT'S THE GOOEY POSSUM-COLORED STUFF THAT'S GOING TO BE STUCK TO THE BOTTOM OF MY GIANT ROBOT TOES! BWAHAHAHA!

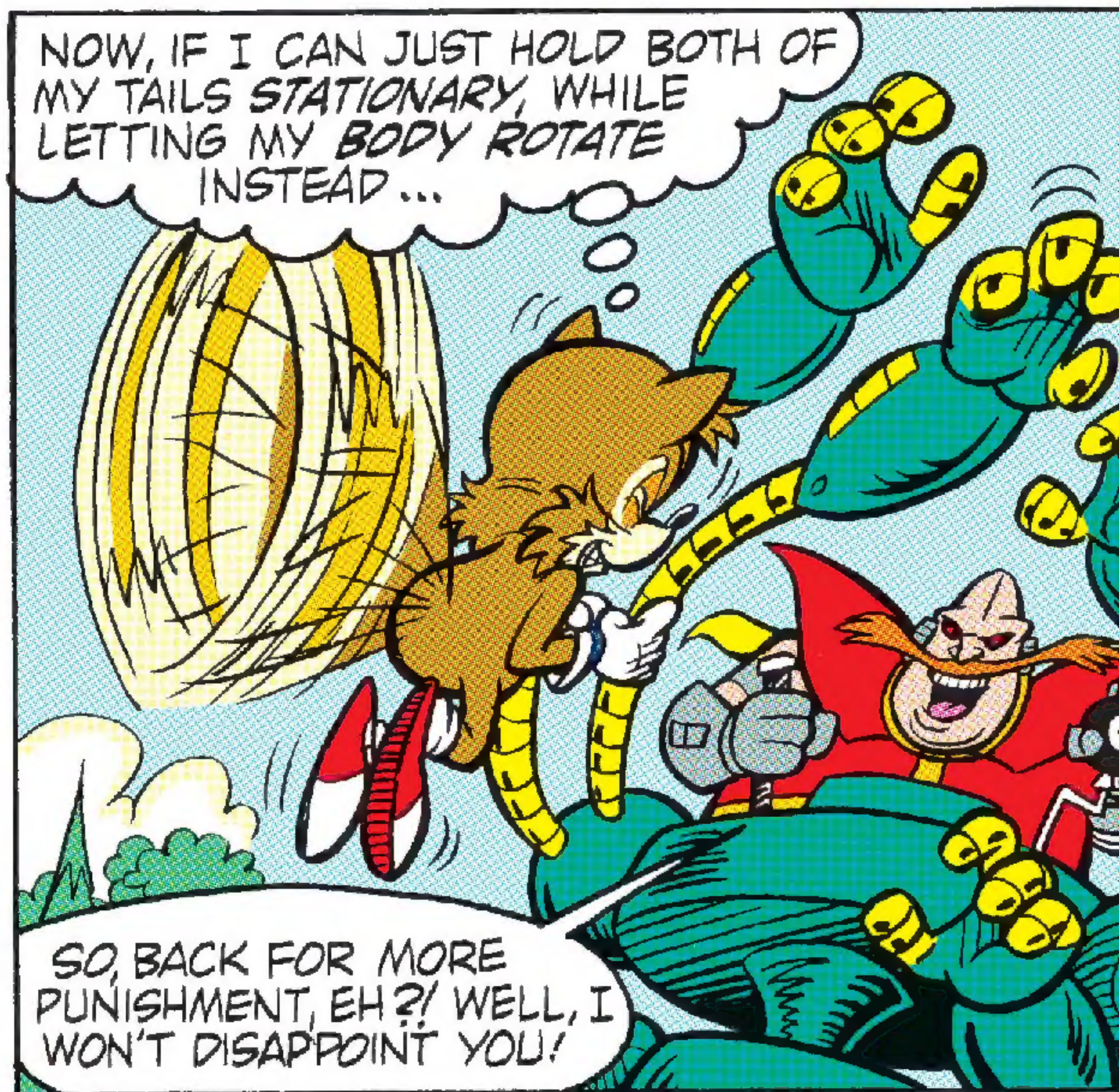
POSEY!!!



MAYBE I CAN'T BEAT ROBOTNIK WITH FORCE, BUT I CAN FINALLY PUT MY IMAGINATION TO GOOD USE!

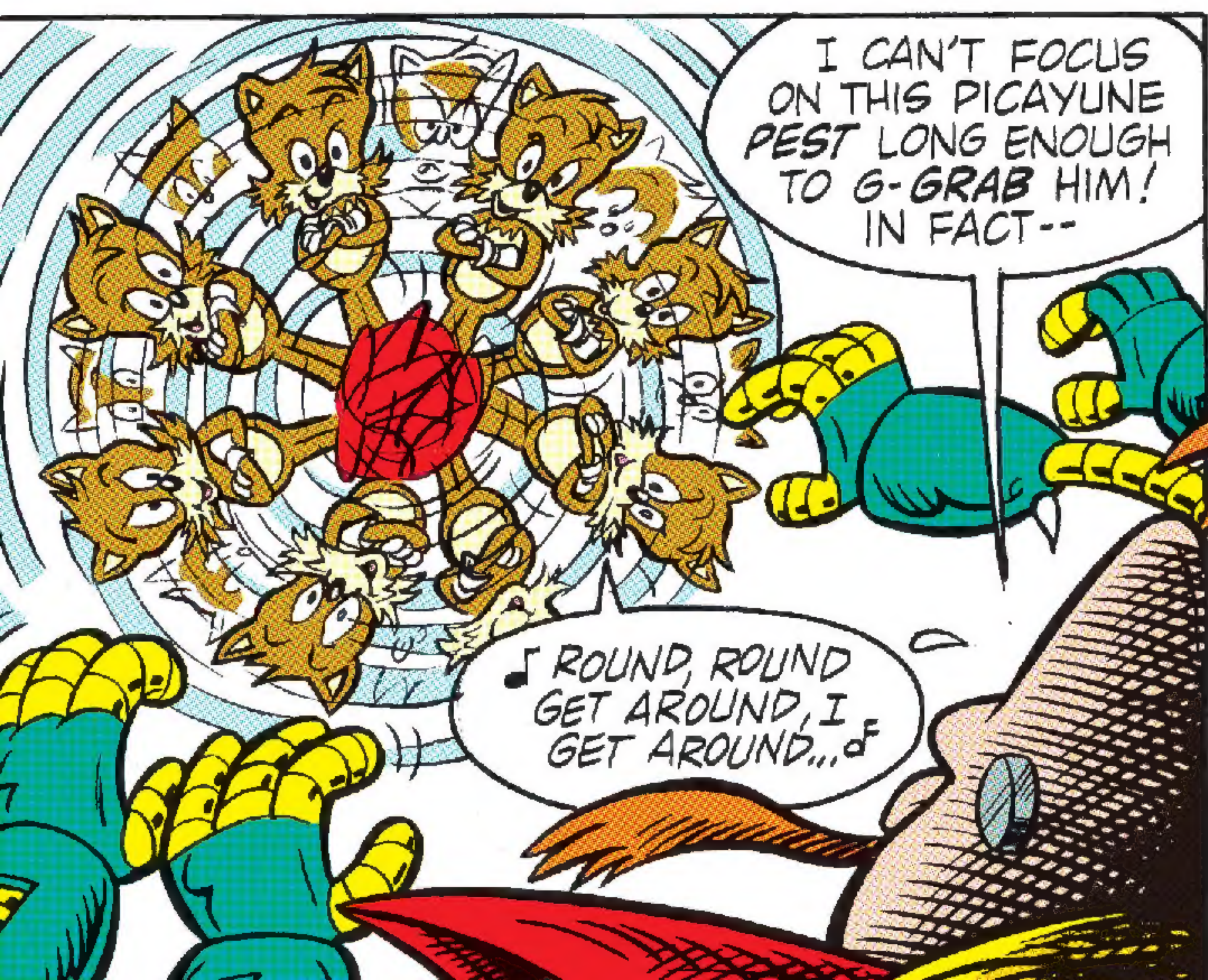
WOW!

VROOOM!



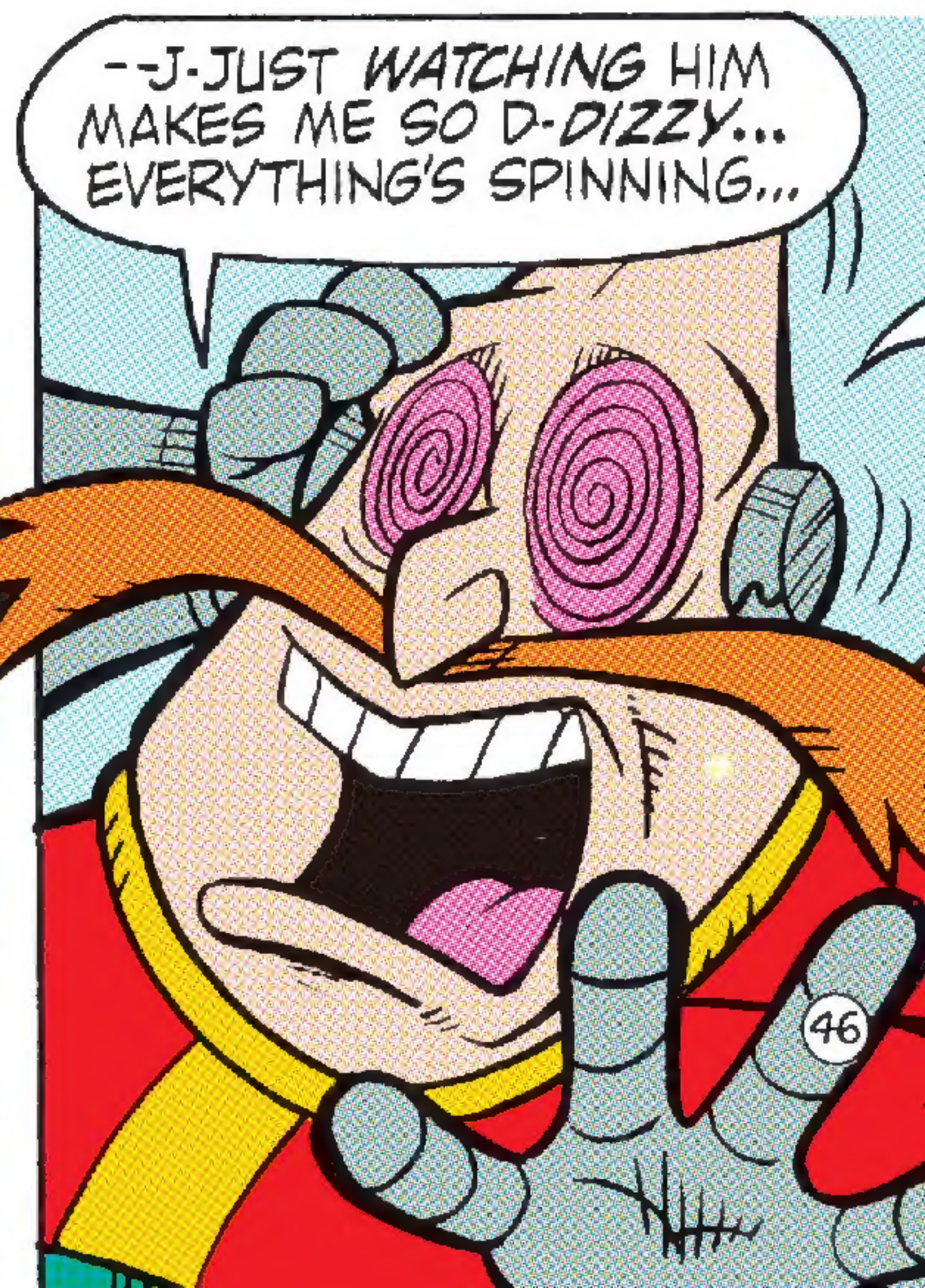
NOW, IF I CAN JUST HOLD BOTH OF MY TAILS STATIONARY, WHILE LETTING MY BODY ROTATE INSTEAD ...

SO, BACK FOR MORE PUNISHMENT, EH? WELL, I WON'T DISAPPOINT YOU!

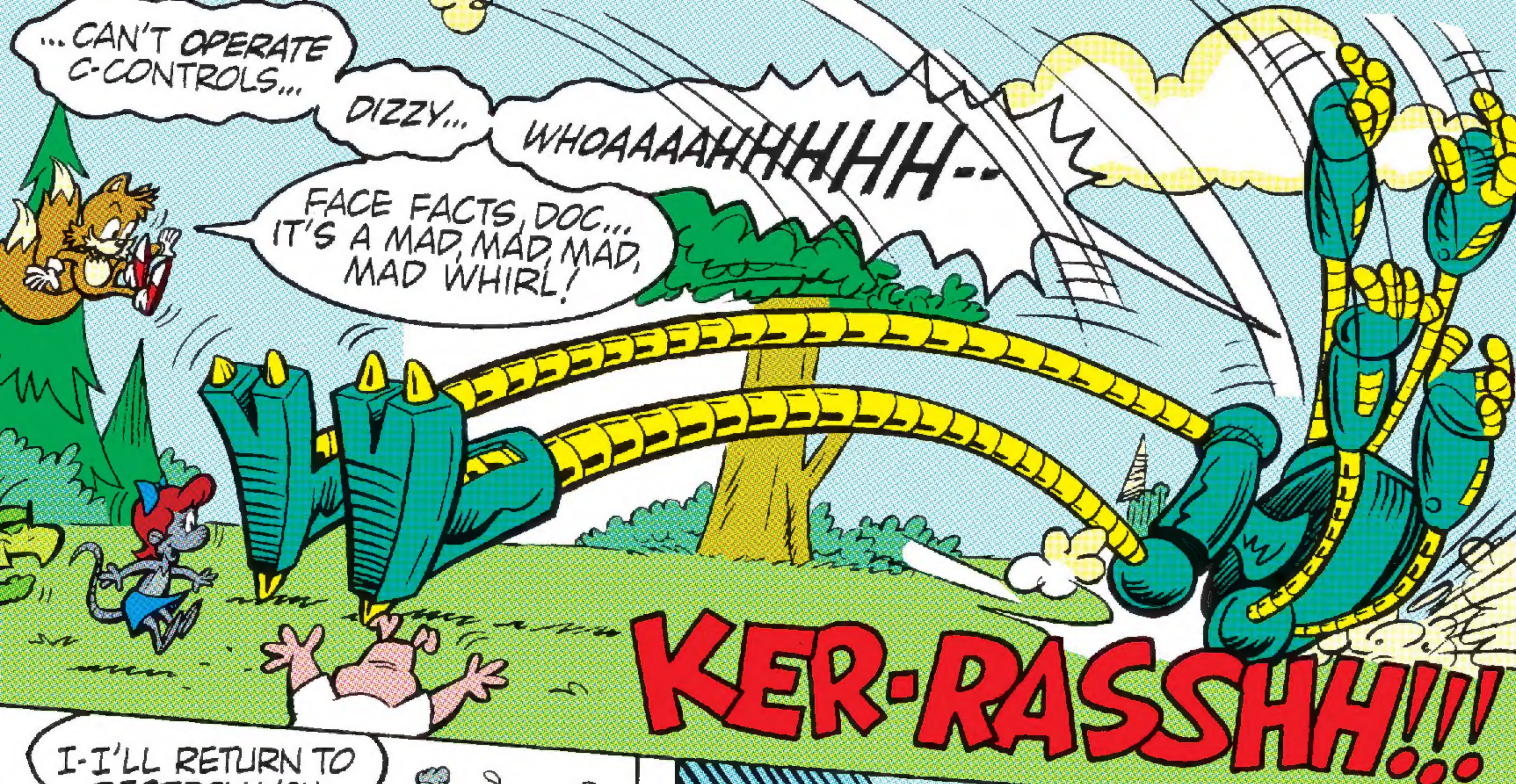


I CAN'T FOCUS ON THIS PICAYUNE PEST LONG ENOUGH TO G-GRAB HIM! IN FACT--

♪ ROUND, ROUND GET AROUND, I GET AROUND... ♪



--J- JUST WATCHING HIM MAKES ME SO D-DIZZY... EVERYTHING'S SPINNING...



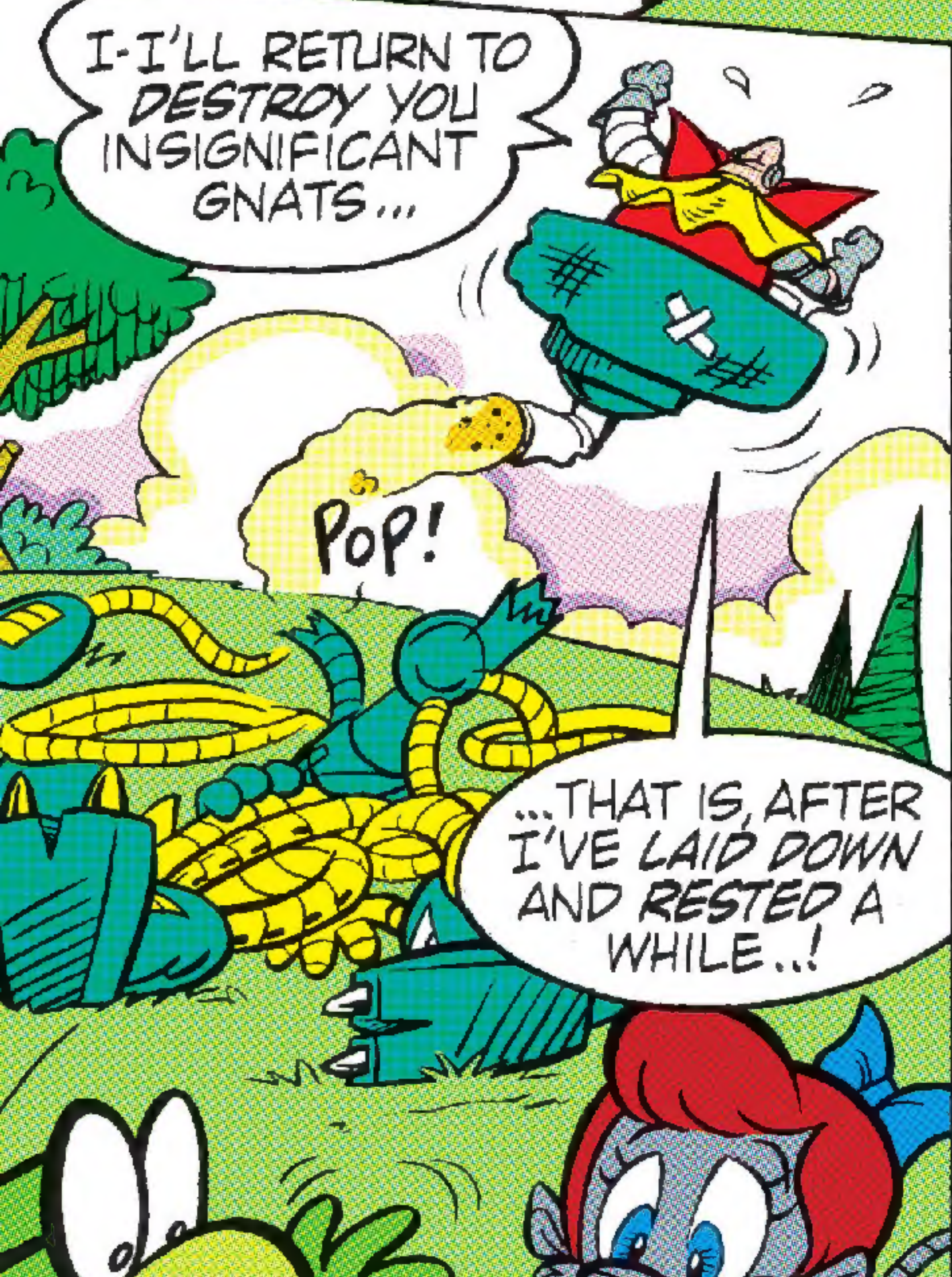
... CAN'T OPERATE C-CONTROLS...

DIZZY...

WHOOAAHHHHH--

FACE FACTS, DOC... IT'S A MAD, MAD, MAD, MAD WHIRL!

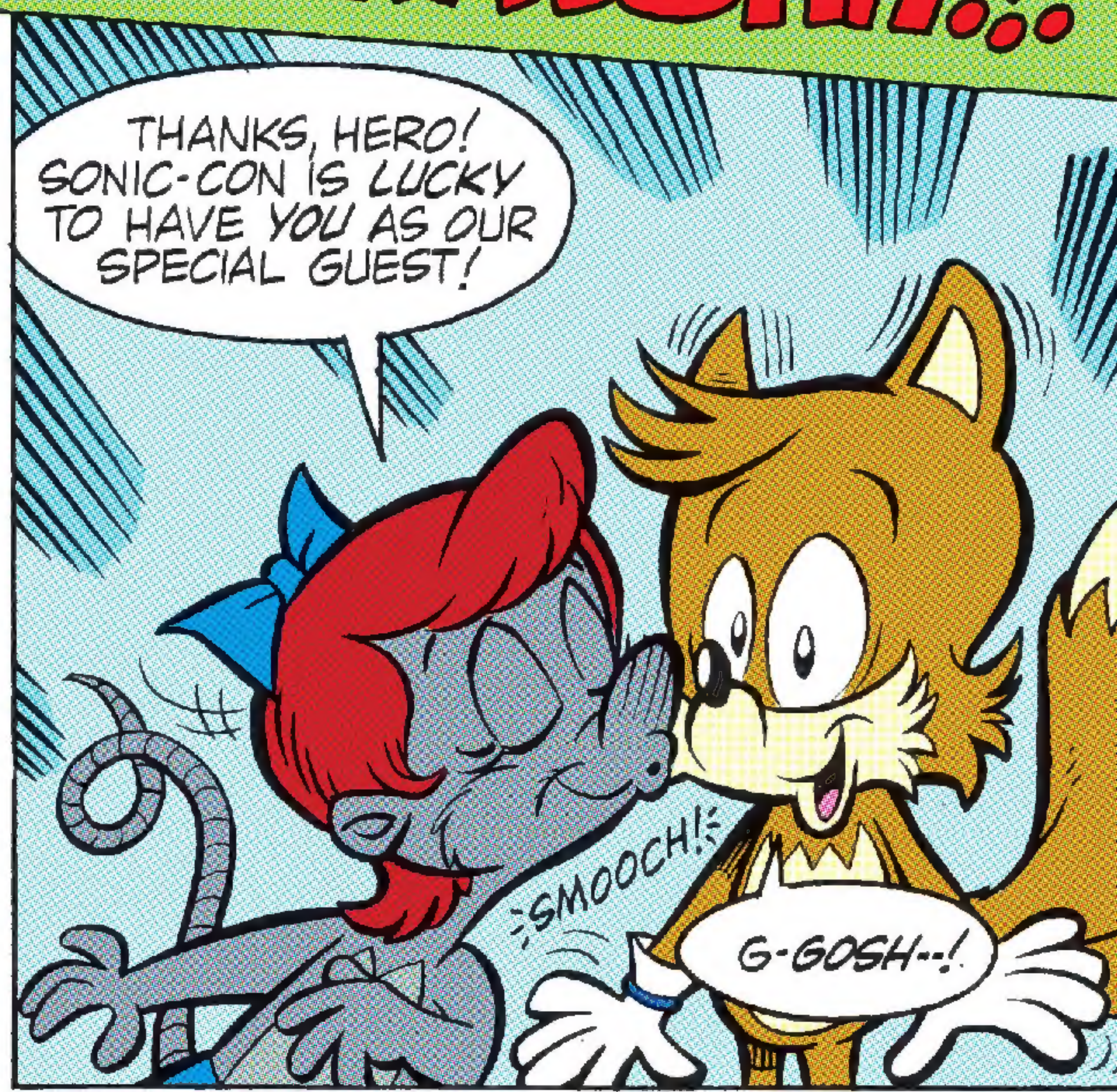
KER-RASSHH!!!



I-I'LL RETURN TO DESTROY YOU INSIGNIFICANT GNATS...

POP!

... THAT IS, AFTER I'VE LAID DOWN AND RESTED A WHILE...!



THANKS, HERO! SONIC-CON IS LUCKY TO HAVE YOU AS OUR SPECIAL GUEST!

SMOOCH!

G-GOSH--!



YOU DID IT, TAILS! YOU DEFEATED DR. ROBOTNIK!

I--I GUESS I DID, DIDN'T I?



UH, LET'S GET BACK TO THE CONVENTION, POSEY... THERE'S A FEW THINGS ABOUT MY SPEECH THAT I NEED TO EXPLAIN TO YOU...!

THE END